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TDHC barracks now sans power

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Power at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino was disconnected last Friday and although the hotel has a backup generator running for three hours a day, they only anticipate enough fuel to run fuel for the next seven days.

JON PEREZ

The Tinian Dynasty & Casino's non-payment of its utility bills has resulted in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. cutting power at its employees' barracks, making the facility uninhabitable once the fuel in Dynasty's generators run out next Monday.

» San Nicolas: Employees now on rationed food, fuel

This means the hotel's barracks will be "totally uninhabitable" by Monday, June 26, Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas said in a letter to the local heads of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter and The Salva-

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Inmate says he raised voice out of frustration, pain

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Inmate Ryan Cavalear was allegedly raising his voice because his pain medication was lost that prompted two Department of Corrections to beat him up inside his cell at the Department of Corrections last April 1.

Police Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that according to the 33-year-old Cavalear, he raised his voice not to show disrespect to the Corrections officers, but out of frustration and pain.

Corrections Officers Ray Anthony Maratita Camacho, 36, and Admisen Dasio Haddy, 48, were arrested on Friday on charges of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace over the alleged beating. Camacho is now out on bail after posting $600 cash.

Pangelinan said in her interview, Cavalear stated that last April 1 at 8pm, he was requesting for his pain medication for surgery because he had oral surgery last March 31.

Cavalear claimed that his wisdom tooth was removed and that during the surgery there was a problem when his heart rate dropped and his blood pressure went down.

Cavalear said an ambulance was called and transported him to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Cavalear stated that on that evening of March 31, he requested from a DOC nurse for his pain medication, but he was told to wait until 8am the next day.

Cavalear said that at 8am of April 1, he requested from the nurse for his pain medication and was told to wait at 1:30pm. At 1:30pm, the nurse was not there and returned at 4:30pm, when the time he was given medication.

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3Q retiree payments met on record time

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The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Monday paid $1 million to the NMI Settlement Fund completing the amounts owed for the third quarter of this fiscal year, the Office of Governor said yesterday

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This is the first time that the obligation has been paid off this far in advance since entering into the Settlement Agreement, it said.

The $1-million payment received on Monday satisfies the CNMI government's payment obligation of $6 million for the third quarter with $9 million remaining payable for the 4th quarter.

"It is our plan to continue making payments of $1 million per week until we reach our obligation for this fiscal year. Also, I have advised the administrator that once we reach

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Local

Japan Consulate to send money to help Kumamoto victims

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The Japanese Consulate will be sending the money donated by various groups and associations later this month to help the victims of a magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit Kumamoto City last April 16. Kumamoto is located in Kyushu, the third largest island in Japan.

The earthquake also caused damage in nearby Oita prefecture but Kumamoto was the hardest hit.

Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura said a total of $17,770.84 had already been donated with the latest coming from the Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas, which turned over a check of $6,220.84 yesterday.

"We plan to send the money to the Japanese government by the end of the month. If there are last-minute donors, they can call the Japanese Consulate for more information or go directly to drop the cash," said Matsumura.

The JSNM donation is the result of their month-long fundraising activity that started on April 28 at the Thursday Night Street Market. They also had similar activities in the four Saturdays of the Taste of Marianas in May and the Saipan Tropical Ekiden, while a jar was also placed at Himawari.

JON PEREZ
Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura, left, receives the ceremonial check from Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas president Junichi Kitagawa, center, and vice president Hiroko Tenorio. JSNM public relations officer Yuichi Kobayashi was also present in yesterday's check turnover held at the Japanese Consulate in Puerto Rico.

Matsumura said they appreciated the donation and the activity done by the JSNM to raise funds and help the victims of the earthquake that killed 59 people, 11 of which was caused by economy class syndrome.

Economy class syndrome is the formation of blood clots in veins deep within the legs of a person for being immobilized for a long time. The 11 who died slept in their cars since they chose not to stay in shelters while it still not safe to return to their homes.

"It has been two months since the earthquake struck but there are still more than 10,000 people who are living in severe conditions in shelters. It is not yet safe for them to return to their homes," said JSNM vice president Hiroko Tenorio.

"We very much appreciate the donation and the activity done by the [JSNM]. They have been doing fundraising activities every weekend to raise money and help the victims," Matsumura said.

Interpac gave $1,000, Good Day and TASI Tours $500 each, while Pacific Micronesia, Inc. $300 to JSNM. The remaining amount, $3,920.84, was collected in the Street Market and the Taste of the Marianas as well as in the donation jar at Himawari.

Saipan World Resort donated $10,000 raised from its Wave Jungle promo, while two persons, who wanted to remain anonymous, gave $1,550. Aqua Resort Club had $1,668.62—a percentage from its brunch buffet fundraising event last month.

This brings the total money to $19,439.46 that will be given to the Japanese government.

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IN SUITS OVER LADDER BEACH PROPERTY

Investor seeks court's approval of global settlement of claims

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Investor Sin Nam Ho asked the federal court yesterday to approve a global settlement of claims in connection with lawsuits filed against disbarred lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho and his uncle, Joaquin Q. Atalig, over a lease of a Ladder Beach property.

Attorney Stephen J. Nutting, counsel for Nam, stated that with the consent of Nam and his other client, Toshin Group International Inc., he negotiated a global settlement of both the Nam lawsuit and Toshin's lawsuit against Quichocho and Atalig.

Nutting said the settlement included the full payment of all sums due to Nam under the settlement agreement in the amount of $207,000, and a new 55-year lease to Toshin as well as all attorney's fees in the amount of $70,000 incurred in prosecuting Toshin's complaint.

Nutting said the money to be paid to Nam and himself as Toshin's counsel was to be paid from the sale of a new 55-year lease to an investment group, of which he was a member.

The lawyer said at the time of the settlement in February 2015, he learned that Quichocho had quitclaimed his interest in the Nam property to Atalig, to allow him to settle the claims, which has been brought on against him, largely as a result of untenable legal advice he had received from Quichocho.

As a result, Nutting pointed out, Atalig executed a new lease for 55 years in favor of Nam and Toshin as a part of the global settlement reached.

Nutting said that, on Feb. 13, 2015, Nam, through his attorney in fact, Jung Ja Kim, signed a notice of satisfaction of judgment.

The federal court has found Quichocho and his wife liable to pay Kim $2.8 million in damages, costs, and attorney fees over her racketeering lawsuit.

Nutting said shortly after the settlement of Nam's and Toshin's cases, and the leases given to Nam and Toshin, Quichocho filed for bankruptcy in the State of Washington.

As a result, the lawyer said, of the well-known rule that all legal proceedings are stayed after bankruptcy has been filed, the notice of satisfaction of judgment and the settlement agreement in the Superior Court was not filed with either federal court.

Nutting said he was recently advised, however, by an attorney who specializes in bankruptcy practice, that because neither the notice of satisfaction of judgment, nor the settlement of the Superior Court proceeding asserts any claims against Quichocho, that the document may be filed and the case closed even though the bankruptcy proceedings remain ongoing.

Nutting asked the court to approve the settlement reached and accepts the notice of satisfaction of judgment and that the case be closed.

The Nam lawsuit was originally brought on as a result of defendants Quichocho and Atalig unilateral attempt to terminate Nam's leasehold interest to certain real property in Ladder Beach.

The Toshin lawsuit was a similar case, where Quichocho and Atalig sought to unilaterally terminate a long-term pre-paid 55-year lease to Toshin and Shinji Fujie, which was immediately adjacent to the Nam property in Ladder Beach.

In 2014, Nam obtained a judgment against the defendants for failure to make payments due under a settlement agreement reached.

Toshin also obtained a partial summary judgment in Toshin's favor, which vacated the termination notice issued by Quichocho and Atalig on Toshin's Ladder Beach property. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed the judgment in November 2014, according to court documents.

Torres signs bill to create grant clearinghouse

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed a bill to establish a CNMI Office of Grants Management under the governor akin to a "state clearinghouse" last week.

House Bill 19-90, authored by Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan), is now Public Law 19-49, officially creates a CNMI Office of Grants Management under the governor's office meant to "seize all federal grant funding opportunities" and "take advantage of all federal funds the CNMI is eligible for."

The bill, however, had come under fire in formal correspondence to the Legislature and even during heated discussions during Cabinet meetings stemming from local agencies concerns about what this would mean to the grants they already manage and if this would set up more red tape or conflicting procedures that would threaten these grants.

The governor, though, downplayed such fears in an interview last week.

"…Our biggest part there is too make sure our federal grants are not jeopardized" and so "we are doing an amendment [a new piece of legislation] to make sure that it is not jeopardized."

But other than that, Torres said the bill is to "make sure that we don't fail on any grants that's available to the departments.

Agencies like the local arts council has lost national funding for missteps in grant applications recently.

However, Torres said the bill "is not to penalize" anybody.

"Those departments that are doing well in getting their grants approved will continue getting their grants and moving forward with those grants," he said.

As to the concerns that the several individuals in the grants office would have total say over grants that some local agencies have run to fund their programs for years, Torres said, "Those are all speculations." The grants office, "have done an extraordinary job on making sure on [if we] do we meet deadlines. Not just deadlines but new grants that are available… There is going is checks and balances."

3 charged over scheme to deposit counterfeit checks in tax rebates

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Three persons who are staying in Vancouver and Oregon were charged in federal court for engaging in a conspiracy to deposit counterfeit checks into their bank accounts over $24,000 in tax rebates from the CNMI.

An indictment charged Brooke K. Phillips, also known as Brookey Phillips; Kenatis M. Alafanso, also known as Nesdy; and Larry M. Tagabuel with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and 13 counts of wire fraud.

Phillips and Alafanso are both residing in Vancouver, while Tagabuel is staying in Oregon.

Saipan Tribune learned that federal agents arrested the three defendants in the U.S. mainland last month, but the indictment, which was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI last May 5, was only unsealed over the weekend.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy last Wednesday appointed attorneys Mark Hanson, Steven Pixley, and David Banes as counsel for Phillips, Alafanso, and Tagabuel, respectively.

According to the indictment, sometime in 2015, Tagabuel received a CNMI tax rebate check for the 2014 tax year. The CNMI tax rebate check was mailed from Saipan to Tagabuel in Oregon.

Using a high-resolution scanner, an unnamed co-conspirator scanned a copy of the CNMI tax rebate check and used the image to create counterfeit checks. Each counterfeit check was printed to resemble a legitimate CNMI tax check.

Each counterfeit check had a legitimate routing number, which was assigned to the CNMI government. Various counterfeit checks were printed and made payable to the three defendants, and others.

To further the scheme, the defendants opened individual checking accounts at various banks, including U.S. Bank and Bank of America.

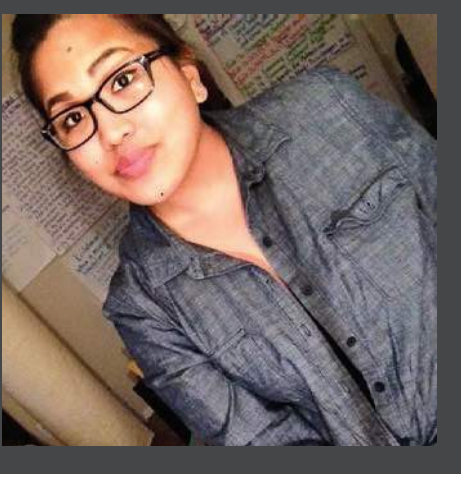
The defendants would deposit the counterfeit checks purporting to be tax rebate checks from the CNMI into their bank accounts. They would wait for the counterfeit checks to clear their bank account.

After the checks cleared their account and the funds were made available, each defendant would make large cash withdrawals from various ATM and branch locations in and around Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington.

The defendants would share the profits obtained from their scheme with an unnamed co-conspirator in exchange for producing the fraudulent checks.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to my Nina Janina. Wishing you all the best on your special day and many, many more to come. Thank you for all you do for me. Xoxo Kayhana Faith.



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Ex-altar boy accuses Guam archbishop of past sex abuse

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A former altar boy became the third person to publicly accuse Guam's archbishop of sexual abuse four decades ago, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Roland Paul L. Sondia, 54, said he was 15 when Archbishop Anthony Apuron, then a parish priest, abused him during a sleepover in a church rectory in 1977, the Pacific Daily News reported (http://bit.ly/21mlTr9).

Two other men have come forward to accuse Apuron of sexual assault while they were minors in the 1970s.

Apuron has not been charged with any crime. He has denied abuse allegations.

A phone number listed for Apuron was disconnected. The archdiocese didn't offer a number to The Associated Press where Apuron could be reached for comment on the latest allegation.

Sondia spoke publicly at a news conference, saying he has tried to put the abuse behind him but felt that he should come forward when childhood friends began sharing similar stories in May.

Archbishop Savio Hon Tai Fai, a temporary administrator appointed by the Vatican after the allegations resurfaced, said in a statement that the archdiocese will take the situation into "serious consideration" and present it to the Vatican, which has final authority in cases related to bishops.

On Thursday, Hon Tai Fai rescinded a recent decree that was aimed at preventing Catholics from associating with a group that calls for Apuron's removal.

Apuron issued the decree opposing association with Concerned Catholics of Guam on June 5.

Group official David Sablan called Apuron's decree a gag order. He described his organization as "concerned Catholics seeking the truth."

Sondia recalled that Apuron woke him at the 1977 sleepover and gestured for Sondia to follow him to his room, where Sondia said he was abused. Sondia said he found the strength to break free and ran out the front door of the rectory.

AP

This November 2014 photo shows Archbishop Anthony Apuron standing in front of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica in Hagatna, Guam.

"Everything happened so fast. I was in shock, I was confused, offended, humiliated and disappointed that the man I looked up to had just asked me if I wanted to have sex with him," Sondia said, according to the newspaper. "I cried as I walked home that night."

Sondia stopped serving at any of the Masses that Apuron celebrated. But he said he felt that he could not tell anyone what happened because he didn't think they would believe him.

"My parents always felt that they didn't have to worry about me knowing that I was at the rectory helping the priest," he said.

Sondia is information technology manager at the Pacific Daily News, where he has worked since 1981.

The Associated Press does not generally name people who say they are victims of sex crimes. Sondia, however, spoke publicly at a news conference.

TDHC

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tion Army yesterday.

"TDHC has advised that they have enough food on the premises to continue to provide three meals a day to the employees for 30 days," San Nicolas wrote.

He added that the Tinian municipality would be providing temporary shelter for affected employees at the Tinian Gymnasium and Tinian Youth Center beginning Monday, June 26, at 2pm. He added both gym and youth center have restroom and shower facilities to accommodate the displaced workers.

He requested items that workers will need such as mosquito coils, toilet paper, paper towels, drinking water, laundry soap, electric fans, butane gas, canned goods, trash bins, trash bags, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body soap, and tents.

"Although TDHC has 30 days' worth of food, the fact that there is no power will compromise frozen items within the walk-in freezer at the site," San Nicolas said, as he went on to request deep freezers and portable generators.

San Nicolas also informs the groups that the United Filipino Association and Tinian Marianas Lions Club are accepting monetary donations for the affected employees, and all residents who wish to donate items may drop them to SN-5 Shipping at Lower Base, and can contact Carla San Nicolas at 322-0516 for more information.

Pagan conference called off this summer

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Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Kaipat Aldan says the conference set originally set on Pagan this month has been postponed.

He said a majority of those invited to go up to the Northern Islands for the conference, also known as the "Konferencian Dinana Islas Marianas," were dignitaries from Guam and they were "so caught up with" activities with the Festival of Pacific Arts, which occurred last May and early June, and again had obligations for Guam's Liberation festivities on July 21.

Aldan

"It's not really what you might think it is that we postponed it," Aldan told reporters on Saturday. He was asked about the state of the living area of Pagan after a man last month allegedly caused havoc on Pagan by setting on fire helicopter fuel tanks, shooting a radio communication system, breaking into the mayor's house with a sledgehammer, and damaging the mayor's vehicle.

"I haven't gone up there since that incident," Aldan said. "I'm trying to get up there. Hopefully, [office of] Procurement signs off on my purchase requisition."

He also said his office would be getting a $90,000 grant from the Office of Insular Affairs to purchase more upgraded communication systems, and indicated he wanted these before a conference was held.

"We are going to try upgrade the communications systems up there, not only for Pagan but for the rest of the Northern Islands…We need some of form of communication. Hopefully I can get even Internet accessibility."

Asked if the conference would still be set for this year, the mayor said, "Maybe not. Maybe in 2017. I still got to go back and discuss it with my planning committee and we'll discuss it and we'll go from there."

INMATE

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The inmate said the medicine would not help so he requested for additional medication. He requested if he would see his bottle because his mouth was bleeding.

Cavalear said Haddy told him that they lost his medication so he raised his voice in asking how did they lose his medication.

He said Haddy and Camacho and two other Corrections officers entered his cell and Camacho grabbed him by his arm and confronted him what's his problem.

Cavalear said he replied that his [expletive] problem is that they were not giving him his medication.

He said Camacho then grabbed the front neck of his neck while he was sitting on the bed and pulled him up off the bed.

The inmate said Camacho head-locked him with his left arm and threw him on the ground with his weight down to the floor. He said Camacho's left knee landed on his back.

He said Camacho then strangled his neck and Haddy's left knee landed on his right shoulder. He said two other officers held his feet.

Cavalear said Camacho then slammed his face on the floor twice, causing his lips to bleed. He kept saying, "stop please" because he's not resisting and his back hurts.

Camacho and Haddy later allegedly slammed Cavalear's head to the steel door. Haddy stepped on his left foot and Camacho punched his face.

Detective Pangelinan said she reviewed the footage and observed Cavalear being handcuffed from the back and was not resisting.

Ending family violence in Pacific: law is not enough

SUVA, Fiji—A respected former Fijian judge has told a human rights forum that legislation is only part of the solution to ending domestic violence in the Pacific region.

Former Judge Mere Pulea delivered the opening address at the Pacific Community Gender and the Law Consultation 2016 in Nadi this week, which was organised by the Pacific Community's Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) in partnership with UN Women and the Fiji Women's Rights Movement.

"Putting in place laws against domestic violence in 11 Pacific Island countries is a major achievement which will have profound impacts on the lives of victims of violence. However, legislation in itself is only part of the solution," Judge Pulea said.

"There is much more to be done to effectively implement these laws, a challenge that is rivalled only by our underestimation of the difficulty of bringing about attitudinal and systemic changes," Judge Pulea stated.

The five-day consultation brought together lawyers, police, civil society representatives and policy officers from those Pacific countries with family protection and domestic violence laws in place (Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Island, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu) to share experiences, challenges and lessons learned in implementing their respective family protection laws.

The Meeting Statement calls on Pacific governments to recognise the multiple layers of discrimination that women face, and the challenges and barriers to justice experienced by women and girls, including women and girls with disabilities.

The statement, endorsed by all participants, acknowledges that "domestic violence is the most pervasive violation of human rights that it affects all women and girls across the Pacific".

It also stresses the need to strengthen collaboration between governments, NGOs, women's groups, shelters, churches and other civil society structures to ensure Pacific communities benefit from domestic violence laws.

"On average, two out of three Pacific women are believed to experience violence at the hands of their intimate partners or family members during their lifetime, which is why this continues to be a serious issue in the region," RRRT Director, Mark Atterton, said.

"SPC is working with multiple partners to support efforts to curtail domestic violence as we believe that a rights-based approach is fundamental to responses to domestic violence," he said.

With the theme Implementing Domestic Violence Legislation, the consultation was supported by the Australian Government and the European Union.

The misuse of family protection and domestic violence laws for purposes not intended by the law and the most appropriate circumstances for using mediation were also among the topics covered.

RRRT is the Pacific Community's human rights programme, working to build a rights-based culture, and assisting nation states to commit to, and observe, international human rights standards. ***(PR)***

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the appropriation level, we will make further payments when the new budget kicks in on Oct. 1," Department of Finance Secretary Larissa Larson said in the statement.

In March, the CNMI government fulfilled its second quarter obligation to the Settlement Fund for $10.5 million.

For the third quarter obligation the Department of Finance in April remitted $1 million, $4 million on May 2, an additional $1 million on May 6, and two more payments of $1 million on May 31 and June 3.

The Settlement Fund annual payment agreement amounts to $30 million to be paid by Sept. 30 of this year. So far, a total of $21 million has been remitted to the Fund.

Torres admin aims to strengthen local farming

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The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres vowed to strengthen the farming industry in hopes of providing local produce to a growing market. Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog made the statement in last Friday's proclamation signing of the Farmers and Ranchers Week.

The Farmers and Ranchers Week started last Sunday, June 19, and will end with an Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 25. The event, aside from highlighting the local agricultural industry, also promotes healthy living by eating fresh fruits and vegetables.

Torres said the administration would continue to support the local farmers so they could produce quality products for the community. "We will strengthen the farming, fishing, and livestock industries. There are a lot of opportunities now for farming and raising livestock."

"Our goal is to have the best produce and sell the best products to the community. The [Department of Lands and Natural Resources] have provided farmers of the needed services so I encourage other agencies to extend their assistance to farmers and ranchers if the need arises."

Hocog, on the other hand, said that they were happy to see that more restaurants and stores on Saipan are buying produce to local farmers. "We're excited since we see more local produce are being sold to restaurants."

"This would encourage our local farmers to make sure to have produces of high quality and freshness of the products that they sell. To our local farmers, take pride in what you do. Go out and sell your produce," said Hocog.

Hocog added the local farming industry, despite the challenges they meet like the unpredictable weather, must be prepared to meet the local demand. "We must prepare ourselves to provide businesses to avail local produce and meet the local demand."

"The weather has been affecting us sometimes, but I ask all of the farmers to endure and find other ways to take care of your crops. We will develop and support all of your programs."

Torres, meanwhile, said the community should avail of the local produce that is being sold at the Garapan Public Market and at the Sabalu Market. "I also go and buy at the Sabalu Market. I just encourage both groups to have collaboration since they both have the same goals."

"That is to sell locally grown produce. We encourage everyone to support programs like this, support both the Garapan Market and Sabalu Markets since it helps strengthen the local agricultural industry," added Torres.

Organizers of the event had received a total of $13,100 of donation. The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation appropriated $10,000, while Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility gave $2,000.

Torres Brothers, the law office of the Governor's siblings, pledged $1,000 after the CNMI chief executive egged his brother Joaquin. Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero's (R-Saipan) family gave $100.

DLNR Secretary Richard Seman, SNILD chair Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), Senate vice president Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), Reps. Vinnie E. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Ralph N. Yumul (Ind-Saipan) were also present in the proclamation signing.

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In support of local farmers and livestock growers, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility donated $2,000 to the Saipan and Northern Islands Agricultural Fair Association. In this photo, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, first lady Diann Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, and BSI CSR executive director Geralyn Dela Cruz join association members during the donation ceremony held after Torres proclaimed June 19-25 as Farmers and Ranchers Week.

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Tenorio leads GCA Class '16 awardees

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REPORTER

Joy Kimiko Tenorio led the list of awardees of Grace Christian's Academy Class of 2016. Students were honored last Friday in GCA's commencement exercises held at the school's chapel in Navy Hill.

Tenorio was the recipient of the coveted Eagle Award with class valedictorian Camille Joy Masilungan as the runner-up.

The Eagle Award, according to GCA guidelines, is given to the student who shows academic excellence and citizenship as well as Christian values. It's GCA's most prestigious honor as it encompasses all character awards.

Nominees for the award must have attended GCA for two consecutive years—including the year of the award—need to be consistent with their academic honors, display character excellence and leadership skills in class, and must be actively involved in school and church activities.

Tenorio was also part of the high school girls volleyball team that graduated along with Mulan Ta, Danica Lei Canedo, and Allexa Murielle Go. She was the MVP and was consistent on the honor roll list together with nine of her classmates. Ta received the inspirational player award.

Canedo, Go, Masilunga, salutatorian Ellie Grace Eichenberger, Jasmine Michelle Gortayo, Jonathan Clyde Libut, Kason Steven Pixley, Kaylene Reyes Camacho, and Mark Daniel Versoza were also on the honor roll list that must have no numeric grade below 83 per quarter, per school year.

Tenorio was also among a group of seven students that had maintained their grade point average of 3.5 since the 10th grade. Go, Versoza, Libut, Pixley, Kazuma Matsumura, and Beom Keun Park were the others honored with the consistent high GPA.

She also received the Association of Christian Schools International-Distinguished High School Student Award for leadership together with Francis Joseph Dalusung, Loyalty awardee, and was a secretary of the school's Student Council.

Eichenberger, aside from being the class salutatorian, participated in various academic and sport competitions where she topped the art contest, while Pixley, Masilungan, and Jin Hui Deng were GCA's representatives in the Mock Trial.

Libut (most valuable player), Deng, Ryu Tanzawa, Renmar Daproza (most improved player), Josiah Given Trinidad (most inspirational player), and Josiah Philip Hinson II were the sports awardees in high school boys' basketball.

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Grace Christian Academy Eagle Award recipient Joy Kimiko Tenorio, right, and honor roll awardee Mark Daniel Versoza.

Hinzon (inspirational player), Deng, Tanzawa, Trinidad, Libut (MVP), Daproza, Versoza (improved player), and Shun Umezawa were the members of the boys volleyball team. Hinson, Trinidad, Tanzawa, Versoza, and Canedo were the first GCA team that joined an outrigger competition.

Eichenberger and Jasmine Michelle Gortayo joined the local of Americorps as volunteers, while a certificate of special recognition was presented to Camacho for the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities, and Hinson as GCA's Youth Congress representative.

Other ACSI student award recipients were Libut and Jillian Cyril Salcedo (athletics); Eichenberger and Yujin Lee (fine arts); Park, Dianne Arnold, and Alyssa Jade Nunez (Christian Service).

Hinson, Gortayo, Versoza, Daproza, Canedo, Deng, Go, Masilungan, Matsumura, Pixley, Ta, Trinidad, Umezawa, Jodi Ji Young Kim, and Jennifer Yokoyama received the loyalty award.

Character award recipients were Versoza (Diligence); Hinson (Joseph-Servant); Park (Barnabas-Encourager); Eichenberger (Christian disciple); Jin Young Yoo (Citizenship); Masilungan along with sophomore Grant Eichenberger and junior Minna Natsuko Ito, who were the distinguished Christian students for academics.

Libut (president), Masilungan (vice president), Reyes (secretary), and Vesoza (treasurer) were the class officers; Canedo (president), Pixley (vice president), Gortayo (treasurer), and Eichenberger (historian) were the National Honor Society members; Hinson (president), Trinidad (vice president), Tenorio (secretary), and Go (treasurer) made up the Student Council.

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Strategic planning for future development is a key part of this job description, responsible to develop the pipeline of new business coming into the company. This requires thorough knowledge of the marketplace.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Bachelor's degree in a business field
- A minimum of 3 years of related working experience
- Excellent in oral and written communications
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and occasionally travel (overnight/day travel).
- Multilingual in Chamorro, Mandarin, Japanese or Korean languages is advantageous.

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QUALIFICATIONS:
- College degree required
- A minimum of 3 years of related working experience
- Excellent in oral and written communications
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and occasionally travel (overnight/day travel).
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Man, 60, arrested for allegedly beating up poker arcade cashier

A 60-year-old man allegedly beat up a female cashier of a poker establishment in Dandan on Saturday at noon when she asked him to leave for refusing to return the $10 overpayment that she mistakenly gave him a day earlier.

Augusto T. Aldan, jobless, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace on that same day when he returned to JL Poker 1, where the alleged beating happened.

The victim sustained scratches on the right eyebrow and above the eyebrow, and a right black eye. She also suffered a scratch on the chest and was complaining of pain on the head and upper back, police said.

The alleged beating was caught by a surveillance camera, police said.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio allowed Aldan to post $125 cash and $1,125 in unsecured bond or 10 percent of the $1,250 cash bail.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Aldan. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government. Preliminary hearing will be on June 28 at 1:30pm. Arraignment will be on July 11 at 9am.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that two police officers responded to JL Poker 1 on Saturday at 1:05pm shortly after the alleged victim called for police assistance.

The detective said investigation showed that on Friday defendant Aldan was playing poker at JL Poker 1 and cashed out from his poker machine and brought 40 coins to the cashier.

The cashier overlooked the cash payout and gave Aldan $10 more. She later realized about the over payment, but Aldan had already left the poker room. The cashier had to pay the cash register $10 out of her own pocket.

The following day, Saturday, at 12:30pm, while the victim was attending the cashier's booth she saw Aldan walk into the game room. She confronted him about the $10 she mistakenly gave him the previous day.

Aldan denied receiving $10 more. She asked to return the $10, but defendant told her that she gave him $10 and not $20. The cashier told the victim that he should not be in the game room if he was not playing. The cashier then told him to leave.

Aldan got mad and started pushing the cashier, who was raising her hands in front of herself for protection. Aldan was aggressively approaching the cashier. He then allegedly punched her on the head, causing her to feel dizzy and drop the keys for the poker room and cashier's booth.

Aldan then allegedly punched the cashier again on the chest and back.

The victim only managed to get away when a female customer stepped in between and shouted at Aldan to stop. The cashier ran into the cashier's booth and used her cell phone to call 911 for police assistance.

Aldan picked up the keys that the cashier dropped on the floor, and walked out of the game room.

At 1:05pm, two officers arrived and reviewed the video footage. At this juncture, Aldan came back, prompting the police to arrest him. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Air Force, Navy to conduct training at W-517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- June 20-21 from 1pm to 6pm
- June 22 from 1pm to 6pm and from 8pm to 10pm
- June 23 from 11:30am to 3:30pm

The Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla June 20-26 from 8am to 11:55pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. ***(PR)***

Addressing Pacific NCD crisis will advance other development priorities

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga—A whole-of-government and whole-of-society response is needed to address the non-communicable disease (NCD) crisis in the Pacific, the King of Tonga, His Majesty King Tupou VI, has told several hundred guests today at the opening ceremony of the inaugural Pacific NCD Summit in Nuku'alofa.

"We have the ability to halt and reverse this NCD crisis. We have the power to protect our children and keep our development aspirations on track. So let us keep in mind some of the practical ways this NCD crisis may be addressed," HM King Tupou VI said.

Despite the immense challenge ahead for the Pacific region, NCD crisis is surmountable and reversible, echoed the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Administrator, Helen Clark, in her keynote address at the Summit opening.

"We find ourselves here with good reason – progress has been insufficient and uneven in combating NCDs, both globally and in the region. The Summit is an opportunity for the Pacific to strengthen its commitment to take a stronger, integrated and more urgent action," Miss Helen Clark said.

"It is also a time for working on how to ensure the NCD responses are well aligned with global health and development agendas more broadly, including with the SAMOA Pathway.

"A proactive NCD response will help the Pacific to make lasting progress on a wide range of other health and development priorities in turn, and support the achievement of the SAMOA Pathway's aspirations and the Sustainable Development Goals," the UNDP Administrator added.

The Pacific NCD Summit was opened by the His Majesty King Tupou VI with over 120 high-level delegates representing Pacific Island governments and development partners in attendance including the President of Kiribati, H.E. Taneti Maamau, and ministers of health from some 14 Pacific countries.

It is jointly organised by the Government of Tonga and the Pacific Community (SPC), with support from the Australian Government, New Zealand Aid Programme, Government of the United States, World Bank, World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

"We recognize the importance of coming together to reaffirm our commitment and to pledge more urgent and stronger action to tackle this crisis head-on. This can only be done by learning from each other's challenges and achievements and working together in a regionally coordinated approach to address NCD at the country and regional level," Pacific Community Director-General, Dr Colin Tukuitonga said.

NCDs—primarily heart disease, cancers, lung disease, and diabetes—are the leading cause of death in the Pacific, with life expectancy declining in some Pacific Island countries as a result of NCD-related premature deaths.

Efforts to effectively respond to this crisis have being made with the Pacific adopting targets and strategies such as those outlined in the Pacific NCD Roadmap.

"We at the World Diabetes Foundation are committed to supporting the Pacific region through our partnerships, funding and expertise. Success stories on the fight against diabetes and other NCDs in the Pacific region will not only benefit thousands of people living here, but will act as a guiding light for others fighting NCDs worldwide," WDF Managing Director, Dr Anders Dejgaard said.

The Summit, which is being hosted at the Fa'onelua Convention Centre, will conclude on 22 June.

More information about the Pacific NCD Summit can be found online: English: www.spc.int/en/ncd-summit.html, French: www.spc.int/fr/ncd-summit.html. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed additional rooms of the Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort under permit application No.SMS-2015-X-029. The application to amend permit No.SMS-2015-X-029 was submitted by the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC for the additional 119 upscale hotel rooms bringing a total of 373 hotel rooms for the Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort.

The public hearing is scheduled for July 6, 2016, at 5:00PM at the BECQ 2nd Floor Conference Room in Lower Gualo Rai, Middle Road, Saipan.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel project.

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Century Travel president David M. Sablan, Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman, Philippines honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago, Philippine Airlines Guam-CNMI District are manager Maryann Cabreros, and Commonwealth Ports Authority acting executive director Chris Tenorio lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony in last week's send-off of PAL's inaugural Saipan-Manila flight.

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PAL Express president Bonifacio Sam, right, presents a scale model of a PAL airplane to Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan.

'Direct flights open new opportunities'

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Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion believes Philippine Airlines' new direct flights open a lot of exciting opportunities both for the CNMI and the Philippines. PAL had its inaugural direct flights early Thursday morning last week.

Concepcion and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog were among the passengers of the first Manila to Saipan route along with PAL executives including PAL Express president Bonifacio Sam, senior vice president-airline operations Ismael Gozon, SVP-general counsel and corporate communications Siegfred Mison, and vice president-marketing Ma. Sylvia Domingo.

"It is a good opportunity for all of us, the CNMI and the Philippines. It is a great opportunity for business and leisure travelers, and tourism as well. We could share and invest in each other. We're excited will all the opportunities that open for us," said Concepcion. "It offers a new travel destination for leisure for both the CNMI and the Philippines."

He added that with MVA opening up a Manila office early this year, the team there is tasked to promote Saipan and the CNMI as another tourist destination that is just three hours away.

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CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fourth left, and PAL Express president Bonifacio Sam, fifth left, lead the ceremonial cutting of the cake symbolizing the new partnership of PAL's direct flights.

"MVA Manila has worked hard in preparing for this inaugural flight. We have an entire team that works hand-in-hand to promote the CNMI as another travel destination. The Philippines could be our new travel and trade partner," Concepcion said.

A five-member group of journalists were also part of PAL's delegation where they visited Saipan's tourism and historical sites in the three days that they stayed here on the island. They left early Monday morning.

"It would be very exciting for us when they head back to Manila and spread the word about Saipan and the CNMI," said Concepcion.

Despite the hour-long delay in Manila, PAL still had a successful inaugural direct flight from Manila and still arrived close to 30 minutes early.

"We're very happy for this service. We're very really thrilled for this service that the people of the CNMI can take advantage of," said Concepcion. "It would be a great help for our local passengers traveling for medical referral. Travel directly and no longer transit anywhere."

A gala dinner was also held last Friday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa-Saipan attended by members of the Executive and Legislative branches of the CNMI and other PAL officials. Multi-awarded Filipino singer Aicelle Santos provided entertainment.

PAL flies twice a week from Saipan to Manila every Thursdays and Mondays at 4:35am (local time) arriving in Manila at 6:45am. The Manila-Saipan flight is every Wednesdays and Sundays at 9:20pm and lands at the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport at 3:35am (local time).

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From left, MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman, PAL marketing activations officer Kookai Silverio, PAL marketing activations manager Pinky Custodio, Century Travel president David M. Sablan, and Guam-CNMI District area manager Maryann Cabreros.

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PAL's flight crew pose for a group photo before heading back to Manila.

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Pacific Oriental Inc. personnel are busy assisting passengers in PAL's inaugural flight to Manila last week at the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport.

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Tan Holdings staffers Arlene Nelvis, Cecil Ramores, Obet Ong, and Evelyn Lapuz volunteer their services in last Friday's gala dinner of PAL's inaugural flights in the CNMI at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa.

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PAL vice president-marketing Ma. Sylvia Domingo, left, and PAL consultant-corporate communications Shirley Vicario wear *Ilang-Ilang* flowers after landing on Saipan.

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Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, left, laughs as award-winning Filipino singer Aicelle Santos asks him to join in with her performance.

Submarine Squadron 15 holds change of command

SANTA RITA, Guam—Capt. David Schappert relieved Capt. Jeffrey Grimes as commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 15 during a ceremony at SUBRON 15 on Polaris Point June 20.

Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) Rear Adm. Frederick Roegge was the guest speaker for the ceremony and discussed the importance of submarine forces in Guam.

"Guam is the tip of the spear," said Roegge. "The challenges you face are unique and demanding, and the missions you accomplish are some of the most vital to our country. The success of the team depends on the strong leadership at the helm and the commitment of the team. Jeff, you and your team can be justifiably proud of all that has been accomplished during your time in command."

Roegge also remarked that Schappert comes to SUBRON 15 with impressive credentials.

"Only the most talented and capable submarine officers serve as commodore of Squadron 15," he said. "David, I'm glad to have you back in Guam and in charge of such a vital command. I have all the confidence in the world you will continue Jeff's legacy and the success of our submarine force here."

Roegge presented Grimes with a Legion of Merit for his impressive leadership of the Navy's only forward-deployed submarine squadron.

Grimes thanked the men and women of SUBRON 15 for being instrumental to SUBRON 15's accomplishments throughout his tenure.

"Everything we accomplish is thanks to my dedicated, resourceful and talented team," he said. "Every day, these men and women go above and beyond the call of duty to meet our mission of manning, training and equipping our submarines, from providing mentorship to filling manning gaps and operating forward."

Grimes has led SUBRON 15 for approximately two years, during which Guam welcomed its fourth submarine, USS *Topeka* (SSN 754), and its second submarine tender, USS *Emory S. Land* (AS 39). Under Grimes' command, SUBRON 15 oversaw and supported submarines operating forward within the 7th Fleet area of operations. He developed an innovative rotational plan for Guam submarines, improving the operational and material readiness of the units while maximizing SUBRON 15's ability to respond to theater tasking and balancing quality of life for Sailors and their families. Grimes oversaw upgrades to Guam's waterfront support including improvements to infrastructure and force protection. He also promoted strong relationships between naval forces on Guam and the local community by participating in the sister village program, organizing outreach and cooperative events and maintaining close ties with the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

Schappert praised Grimes for the squadron's success and thanked him for turning over a great command. He discussed his excitement for the years ahead.

"For the Sailors of Team 15, my goal is for us to be the most feared and respected undersea warriors in the Pacific," said Schappert. "I pledge to you that I will bring my best every day to achieve this task. I humbly ask you to do the same."

Schappert's sea tours include service as engineer officer aboard USS *William H. Bates* (SSN 680), executive officer aboard USS *Honolulu* (SSN 718) and commanding officer of USS *Houston* (SSN 713) out of Guam. His shore assignments include serving on the staff of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff as the operations directorate and on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as deputy director of the Operational Support Division. He joins SUBRON 15 from Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Reactors Line Locker as the Special Assistant for Fleet Operations and the Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor.

Grimes will remain in Guam and head to Joint Region Marianas (JRM) as the chief of staff.

SUBRON 15 is located at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam in Santa Rita, Guam, and consists of four Los Angeles-class attack submarines. The squadron staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support to these commands. Also based out of Naval Base Guam are submarine tenders USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40) and USS *Emory S. Land* (AS 39). The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements.

For more news from Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, visit http://www.csp.navy.mil/css15 and https://www.facebook.com/SubmarineSquadron15/. ***(PR)***

Capt. Jeffrey M. Grimes salutes the side boys in conclusion of the change-of-command ceremony for Submarine Squadron 15 (COMSUBRON 15).

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Keeping guns from terrorists

Not to get your hopes up, but in the days after the massacre at a gay Orlando, Fla., nightclub, there were signs of an incipient bipartisan consensus on a measure that could head off future acts of domestic terrorism. Though the idea has been raised before, it may finally produce action this time.

Hillary Clinton said, "If you are too dangerous to get on a plane, you are too dangerous to buy a gun in America." Donald Trump didn't disagree. He said he would meet with the National Rifle Association "about not allowing people on the terrorist watch list, or the no-fly list, to buy guns."

They're not alone. President Barack Obama has endorsed the concept. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., sponsored a bill last year to block firearm purchases by suspected terrorists; it failed on a 54-45 vote. The only Republican to vote for it was Mark Kirk of Illinois.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, has his own version, and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell says, "Nobody wants terrorists to have firearms." The NRA, believe it or not, says, "Anyone on a terror watch list who tries to buy a gun should be thoroughly investigated by the FBI and the sale delayed while the investigation is ongoing." President George W. Bush proposed legislation of this sort in 2007.

The Senate is expected to vote on the latest version of Feinstein's proposal Monday. Getting enough votes in both houses will be a heavy lift. But it's encouraging to see support for the basic concept. Two challenges loom. The first is to work out a measure that would have real teeth while garnering the support of legislators aligned with the NRA. The second is to block dangerous people without violating the Second Amendment rights of those who pose no threat.

Anyone convicted of a terrorism-related crime, of course, is already barred under federal law. It's harder to zero in on people who have known terrorist connections or sympathies but have not (yet) done anything that warrants arrest and prosecution.

The FBI terrorism watch list includes some 800,000 names. (At one time it included the Orlando shooter, but he was eventually removed.) The federal no-fly list covers an estimated 47,000, and it has mistakenly ensnared some innocents. The no-buy list would need to be shorter and more accurately targeted. Barring someone from a commercial flight is one thing; depriving them of a freedom specified in the Constitution is another.

But some people are already disqualified from buying guns without being convicted of a felony. Among them: anyone who has been committed to a mental institution, dishonorably discharged from the military or subject to a restraining order for harassing or stalking an "intimate partner." Adding those flagged as possible terrorists would be only a modest expansion of the category.

The Feinstein bill voted on last year authorized the attorney general to bar individuals who are found to have been doing something "in preparation for, in aid of, or related to terrorism, or providing material support or resources for terrorism" and who "may use a firearm in

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After lost decades, can EU get immigration right?

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In this sour campaign season, where the immigration issue has turned so ugly, it's instructive to watch the European debate over migrants.

That debate should make Americans realize how lucky we are. As an immigration country, we have a proven ability to absorb newcomers, including those from Muslim countries (and we could resolve the problem of illegals if both parties cooperated).

Europe, on the other hand, has failed to integrate generations of Muslim guest workers, who still live in ghettos and are preyed on by radical Islamists. And, of course, the continent is now swamped with a wave of refugees fleeing Mideast conflicts. This flood, combined with several terror attacks, has helped fuel the rise of right-wing populist parties across Europe.

What to do? I put this question to the chief police commissioner of Brussels, Saad Amrani, whom I met at the American Jewish Committee's 2016 Global Forum. (A Belgian of Moroccan descent, Amrani is the kind of European immigrant success story that rarely makes headlines.)

"Extremism is linked to the denial approach, to political correctness," the commissioner told me. "It is possible to talk about certain issues without stigmatizing, but that isn't happening." In other words, it is possible to take a hard look at the problems within Europe's migrant ghettos, including radicalization, without stigmatizing all Muslims or their religion.

Indeed, this must be done in order to prevent the same mistakes from being made with new refugees.

Amrani grew up in Morocco and emigrated with his family to Belgium. His was not a family of privilege: his father worked in a printing factory and his mother was a teacher, but they put all their resources into his education. But many Muslim immigrants never move it beyond ghetto boundaries.

Yet, over the past 40 years, many European countries paid little attention as their immigrant ghettos became permanent fixtures. They looked away as religious radicalism took root.

"Some political actors for some reason thought it wasn't proper to condemn," Amrani told me. "They chose silence. They thought people with jobs, or on welfare, would ultimately integrate and respect the fundamental balance between communities. But an approach of tolerance has driven the situation to negative consequences."

European governments looked the other way as money from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf poured in for mosques and imams who preached an intolerant salafist version of Islam. The internet magnified that message.

As the European Union expanded, said Amrani, local security officials like himself warned that "there would be design problems with migrants and population movements." This was even before thousands of European Muslim youths were enticed to fight for the Islamic State in Syria.

Meanwhile, ordinary Muslim immigrants who wanted to push back against the salafists had little recourse. "We have failed to empower positive mainstream Muslims in Europe," said Amrani at the AJC conference. "I worry about the silent majority locked down in the ghetto, subject to influences not from their own community."

One obvious way to help that silent majority would be to bolster education and services. But the opposite is happening, as I saw in March when I visited Molenbeek, the neighborhood in Brussels that hid some of the jihadis who terrorized Paris.

Residents told me their schools lacked texts and teachers. "Molenbeek municipality is bankrupt, and will start cutting resources for education and services," Amrani told me. "The European Union could lead here. (Instead), it spends millions of euros on projects that are irrelevant."

Which leads to the question of what the European Union could and should do now.

"Migration has never been addressed by the European Union," Amrani said. "We have never agreed on a long-term approach."

That approach, he said, should start by making clear that newcomers must adapt to the culture of their new countries. "This is a question of values," the commissioner said. "Europe must make it clear: These are the rules of the game that you have to abide by.

"Among the refugees, they have no clue what (European) countries expect from them. We have portrayed a false El Dorado. We have 10 percent unemployment and haven't integrated those on our soil after 40 years."

Clearly there will be back and forth over what constitutes freedom of religion. But I think Amrani's point is well taken: Less-educated refugees from traditional cultures that repress women must accept the culture of their new homelands, or leave.

"If you say you won't respect a common set of rules and your religion is above the rules of the country, then you have trouble," said Amrani. The police chief cited an incident where, he said, a group of Afghan migrants beat up a Syrian woman in Germany because she was unveiled.

He would also like to see a "restructuring of the religious field" and a "building of European Islam." That means halting Saudi and Gulf funding of mosques and imams and training new imams in European schools of theology. This, of course, would be a long-term project. "We have lost 50 years," he said mournfully.

And he desperately wants to see the investment of major EU resources to help ordinary Muslim-European citizens, especially with decent schools in places such as Molenbeek. "We have to reach out to the mainstream silent majority that is scared," he said, "because those dysfunctional (jihadi) families drag others down."

He will soon embark on a joint project with Rutgers University to devise ways to protect vulnerable immigrant communities such as Molenbeek.

Yet, with the EU under strain, and Britain possibly poised to leave, Amrani worries that Europe will pay insufficient attention to integrating new Mideast migrants.

"We are about to make the same mistakes as the past 30 years," he warns urgently. "We need to reinvent our vision of living together.

"For God's sake, we mustn't repeat the same mistakes."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A glaring omission

Dear Congressman Kilili,

I read with pride the short note in your newsletter—it was sent via email—dated June 17, 2016, regarding your efforts to join with your colleagues to ensure that responsible and meaningful gun control legislation is passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. Your bipartisan approach is admirable and desperately needed, and I continue to believe that you are a representative of all the people of our great Commonwealth.

But I was dismayed that your note did not include any mention of the fact that those gunned down in Orlando were LGBTQ Americans and their allies and that the shooting took place at a gay nightclub. Moreover, that glaring omission was all the more hurtful in considering that the month of June is traditionally celebrated as LGBTQ Pride Month and that President Obama has been a champion for LGBTQ people for as long as he has been our President.

I ask that you amend your statement to recognize the horror inflicted upon the LGBTQ community. The CNMI LGBTQ community is hurting for our sisters and brothers in Orlando and in other parts of the United States who experience discrimination and violence because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. Erasing our identities in statements like the one you sent, though unintentional, serves as a stark reminder that we in the LGBTQ community, despite gains made in the areas of marriage equality and "don't ask, don't tell," remain on the margins, remain easily forgotten, and remain prone to acts of violence because we dare to live the truth of who we are.

I plead with you not to forget that you are our representative, too, and that we have entrusted you with an amazing responsibility to represent our interests and to fight for LGBTQ rights.

I am heartened because you state unequivocally that, "Congress has a moral responsibility to do more than lower the flags and hold moments of silence for the victims of gun violence. We must also take action to prevent the next tragedy and keep guns out of the wrong hands." I ask you to consider that you and your colleagues also have a moral obligation "to do more than lower the flags and hold moments of silence for the victims of [anti-LGBTQ] violence. [You] must also take action to prevent the next tragedy."

Jonathan Pangelinan Del Rosario Cabrera
Gualo Rai

So which section applies?

Several issues ago in this paper, a person commented on my narratives on the special election, that the lieutenant governor does not get elected. I know that, and I agree. See Article III, Section-3, 2nd sentence of our constitution. That sentence says that whenever the lieutenant governor's office is vacant, the governor shall appoint a successor with advice and consent of the senate. It's plain and simple sentence. Acting lieutenant governor Hocog does not get elected. He gets appointed by acting governor Torres. And when Senate President Hocog vacated his office for the Executive Branch, the fact that the Senate re-organized itself quickly is a good assumption that the re-organization was an acquiescence vice the hearing on the "…advice and consent of the Senate." I say the appointment does not have to be blared out, just a light but serious offer and acceptance conversation between the Governor's Office and Senate President. I say that's good enough.

One legal issue that I cannot find is the clause stating that if a legislator accepts a position in the Executive Branch, then that legislator must resign from his legislative position. That's U.S. Constitution Amendment-25, but not in our constitution. If I am looking for clarity, Amendment-25 is it. Why? Because of Baron Montesquieu's political concept, and de Tocqueville, and John Locke, the British constitution, the Federalists, the Anti-Federalists, Berger, Rossiter, Tribes, Choper, Chemerensky, Cooke, etc., have it that we have a separation of powers, legislature, executive, and judiciary, and a person could only hold one position in one Branch and not hold two or more positions in one, or two or three Branches simultaneously. But where is it in our constitution? I'm just comparing provisions on succession. On our special election article, one person commented that the special election is not needed. But the last sentence in Article III Section 7 call for a special election.

There has to be one so that the "acting" title could be removed, otherwise, acting governor Torres will be "acting" Aating governor until the apocalypse. I will take the last sentence anytime. Another one added that Section 7 of Article III has to be taken as a "bundle" and not be broken up. I disagree. The Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court says the bundle is not absolute. A composition jam. The bundle would have to be broken up, and each sentence evaluated and taken for its subject number individually. For example, the last (3rd) sentence is singular per its sentence structure. It says an acting governor or lieutenant governor who assumes office when more than a year remains in the term may serve only until a governor or lieutenant governor is chosen in a special election provided by law. The sentence immediately before that shows two positions, connected by and Frank R. Agulto is correct. The second sentence of Section 7 does not apply. It talks about two simultaneous vacancies link by a conjunction, which is not the issue at this instance.

If the offices of the governor and lieutenant governor (something of a chateaubriand-for-two recipe) are both (simultaneously) vacant, the president of the senate shall become acting governor and the speaker of the house shall become acting lieutenant governor. And, I disagree that Section 7 is a bundle and should be read as one. Sometimes, two ideas are compiled into one section or paragraph, and the readings become nebulous. The contradiction is that acting lieutenant governor Hocog is not required to resign from the legislature to accept a position in the Executive Branch, despite the Montesquieu doctrine. And my question is, do we have a special election law? I say yes, we do. This constitution. Are we looking somewhere else? This is a written document with a legislative history. It's the law. The same goes with the second constitutional convention. It also has a legislative history. Most of the delegates and attorneys are still alive. Legal advisors shouldn't be brash or too aggressive in their opinions on the provisions of the constitution. Legal advisors should not second-guess or do a "Monday-morning quarterbacking" of thecConstitution.

The much-discussed Article III, Section 7 is unclear as to gubernatorial succession because of the way it is composed. That one talks about death. I assume it means "death in situ." Died here in the Commonwealth. What about Section 8? It talks about physically absent from the Commonwealth. Shouldn't we delve in that section, and then go back to Section 7 and Section3?

The analysis of our CNMI constitution on Article III, Section 3 says, "Whenever the office of the lieutenant governor is vacant, the governor shall appoint a successor with the advice and consent of the senate. But, Section 7 addresses two simultaneous vacancies, then a single vacancy. It says, in part, an acting governor or lieutenant governor who assumes office when more than a year remains in the term may serve only until a governor or lieutenant governor is chosen in a special election provided by law.

Everything about this sentence is about a single issue. And Section 7 doesn't discuss about absence when the governor physically leaves the Commonwealth. But Section 8 does. Our constitution allows the Senate president to migrate to the Executive Branch without resignation from one branch. That's against Montesquieu principle. But, right now, I am espousing Article III, Section 8 immediately, to be followed by Section 7, sort of a makeshift compilation of the two. Both sections talk about "acting." I figure that only a special election could remove the "acting," and elevate the acting incumbent to a full-fledge governor. So first, Inos physically left the CNMI. I say Section 8 would be applicable because that's the only section that talks about being physically absent from the Commonwealth. I would say that Section 7 "death" would be "death in situ" which, to me, would be died here in the Commonwealth. That's not a wild guess. Only two sections deal with succession. One deals with only "death." The other one deals with being physical absence from the CNMI. So, which section applies. Section 8, then Section 7, with Section 3 on the side? And, let's remember that our CNMI constitution mirrors, for the most part, the U.S. Constitution. Hey, turn the election mechanism on.

Rudolfo M. Sablan
Garapan

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connection with terrorism." Those disqualified could go to court to challenge the decision — with the government bearing the burden of proof.

Second Amendment absolutists may object, along with civil libertarians who accuse the government of abusing its authority with the no-fly list. But terrorism is the ultimate deprivation of liberty. It should be possible for Congress to find ways to satisfy reasonable constitutional concerns while adding a real safeguard against horrific acts like the one in Orlando.

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Thank you Ms. Angelita Asia!

On June 11th, I lost my wallet at the Marianas Business Plaza flea market. My wallet made its way out of my bottomless pocket. My bank cards, mayor's ID, and the ever important voter's registration was not important to me. But the rockin' metal scorpion patch stitched on the wallet had sentimental value. I had it in my possession for more than a decade.

Then came June 14, when an Angelita Asia walked into my office asking for me. She had tracked me down using my mayor's ID and drove to the mayor's office to get more info. I asked her how she came to find my wallet. She said it was some kids who found it and gave it to their mother. She was advised to throw it away if there wasn't any money in it and Ms. Asia refused to do so. I then asked if she could follow me to the bank to be awarded. She said she just wanted the wallet returned and just go about her way. I told her I was not awarding her for finding my wallet. I am awarding her for her good deed. I told her she just made a new friend and hope that the CNMI could only have more Ms. Angelita Asias. Thank You Ms. Angelita Asia!

Vince G. Cabrera
Chalan Piao

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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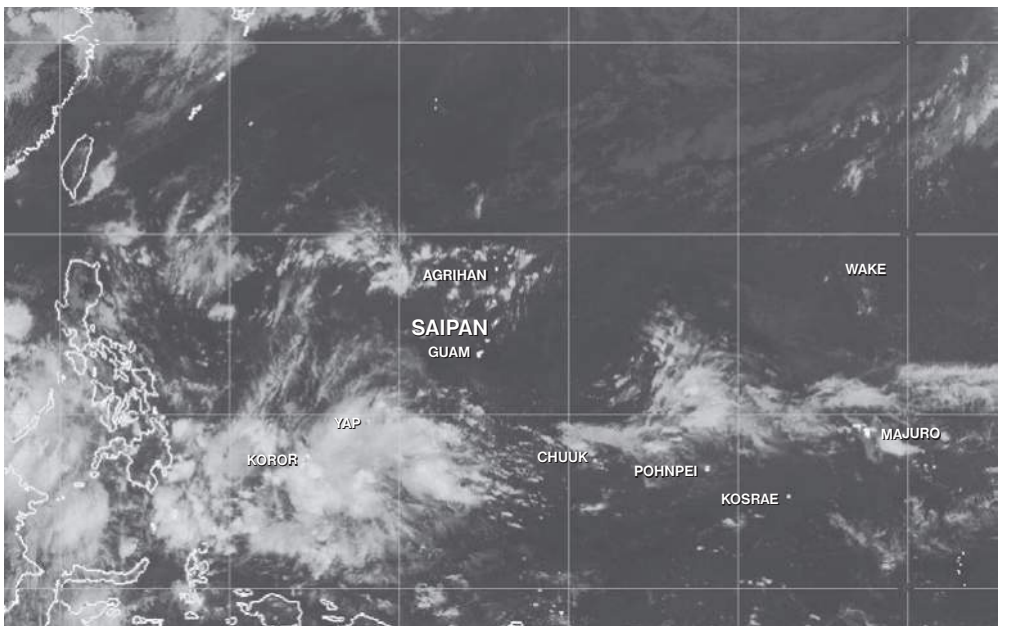
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line north of the Mariana Islands is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 17N and 20N from 133E to 147E. An upper-level low centered well northwest of Koror near 15N130E is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of a line from 22N131E to 18N133E to 15N131E. A broad weak circulation centered southeast of Koror near 5N138E is generating scattered to numerous showers and a few thunderstorms between 1N and 11N west of 145E. This area also includes Palau and Yap. Converging trade winds are initiating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Chuuk within 60 miles of a line from 9N149E to 8N153E, north of Pohnpei and Kosrae within an area bounded by 8N154E to 16N156E to 9N166E to 7N160E back to 8N154E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Majuro between 2N and 8N from 175E to 180. Converging winds ahead of a cold front are responsible for cloudiness and patchy rain within 70 miles of a line from 23N149E to 25N160E.

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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼57
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼72
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼73
London	Rain	▲70	▼58
Los Angeles	Clear	▲99	▼71
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲92	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼49
Miami	Showers	▲86	▼76
New York	Clear	▲84	▼71
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼72
Paris	Rain	▲72	▼63
Pusan	Rain	▲82	▼69
Rome	Showers	▲83	▼64
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼51
San Francisco	Clear	▲70	▼55
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼71
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲78	▼68
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼73

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2:24 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.15 Feet
7:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.86 Feet
2:35 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.32 Feet
9:33 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:26 PM	6:16 AM
Wednesday	8:16 PM	7:08 AM
Thursday	9:05 PM	8:02 AM
Friday	9:53 PM	8:56 AM
Saturday	10:39 PM	9:51 AM

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UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
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UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

June 19-25 is Farmers and Ranchers Week

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has proclaimed the week of June 19-25 as Farmers and Ranchers Week. This Saturday, June 25, the CNMI will celebrate Saipan Agricultural Fair Day.

The theme for the week-long celebration is "Product of the Land is our Economy's Backbone" for it is our hard working farmers and ranchers' ability for safeguarding today for tomorrow. Every year, farmers and ranchers face challenges such as natural disasters, downturns in markets and plant disease, which can financially cripple their operations, but they persevere.

Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog is calling on the CNMI community to celebrate the "33rd Agricultural Fair Day" and urge all citizens to appreciate what our farmers and ranchers have provided for us and our tables, and to support their effort by buying local and help improve our economy.

A release from the Governor's Office said farmers and ranchers are recognized throughout the world as an essential profession that comes with traditional and cultural practices. These careers meant nothing less than honesty and coherency with nature and the environment. Farmer and ranchers are led with one mission, to work with our land and our livestock.

"Today, we reflect on that tradition of farming and ranching, which has provided and ensured the freshness of our products in our markets and on our tables. Through centuries of hard work, they have supplied our islands with products and services essential to the economic and physical wellbeing of our community," it stated.

The release added that, "Farmers and ranchers are two different, equally important land stewards that have similarities and differences in a way food is raised and produced. Farmers and ranchers stimulate economic growth by providing quality fruits, nuts, vegetables and meat as produced by their crops and livestock. Farmers have to spend countless hours and extended periods of time per acre on their land to plant, grow and harvest a crop. Ranchers spend their time gathering, moving and working their livestock and implementing fences and watering systems in a fashion that maintains or improves the native condition of their land." ***(PR)***

WPS welcomes Church to upper elementary

Taking the helm of the upper elementary division of Whispering Palms School, Kim Church may be one of the most international of the very international population at the Navy Hill school.

Her teaching career has seen her span the globe from Venezuela, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and more. Church has also taught at Tanapag Elementary School from 1998-2000.

Aside from teaching high school ranging from AP literature to technology, Church also has that one very important element that every single teacher at Whispering Palms School possesses: passion. She has passion for her students, passion to see them excel and commitment to see those passions bear fruit.

To Church, success of her vision relies on the circle of three: student first, parent second and community third. Students make the class and the teachers are the lucky participants in the magical process created by the circle. Her philosophy and style may take on a whole new realm at Whispering Palms School, which has always valued the individual in each and every student the most.

Church

Church's undergraduate degree in special education and her current work toward her second master's in special education reflect her focus as an the individual.

Church will bring with her not only a wealth of knowledge of the individual subjects she will teach but also a suitcase full of exposure to the rest of the world that can only benefit her students by widening their scope. Her students will be on a safari of their own.

Saipan is more than another destination for Church. It is a homecoming and a return to her roots. Saipan marks the roots of her teaching and adventure. The island holds indelible memories for her as she wed her husband, Ron Snyder, the new head of Saipan International School, at the Saipan Hyatt Regency in 2000. Church is also an avid conservation diver, a love that has extended to the entire family. Some of you may see her hiking the trails as well.

Her eldest daughter is currently working on her undergraduate degree in Bio Chemistry at New York University and her younger daughter will be returning to Saipan. The family is so excited about their return; they have decided to bring out their niece from New York with them.

Whispering Palms School students eagerly await Church's arrival and cannot wait to start meeting the challenges from her innovative style and gaining unparalleled insight into corners of the world.

With extensive family and friends already on Saipan, Whispering Palms School's globetrotting teacher, Church, will surely have a sweet homecoming with scuba gear in tow.

For more information about Whispering Palms School please contact: Facebook: "whispering palms school;" Website: saipanprivateschool.com; phone: 323-7451; and email: whisperingpalmsofsaipan@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

GPPC, INC. Job Opening:

Mechanical Engineering Technicians (03) $6.50-$7.00/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as a Mechanical Engineering Technician with knowledge on how to apply Theory and Principles of Mechanical Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and other facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Truck Driver (05) $6.10 - $7.45/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW for various construction materials transportation

Automobile Electrician (04) $6.10 - $7.00/hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles and heavy equipment. With knowledge on electric motor, alternator, starter and motor rewinding.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (05) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

Mason (20) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 3 years experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints.

Welder (5) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as a Welder. With knowledge how to use hand-welding, flame-cutting, hand soldering, or brazing equipment to weld or join metal components or to fill holes, indentations, or seams of fabricated metal products.

Accounting Technician (05) $7.00- $9.33 per hour
College graduate with a minimum of 2-5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Capable of performing combines routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records.

Architectural Drafter Technician (06) $6.10 - $8.25/hour
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Architectural Technician. Capable of preparing detailed drawings of architectural/structural features of buildings as well as drawings and photographic relief maps used in civil engineering projects such as highways, bridges and other public works. Knowledgeable on building materials engineering practices/mathematics used to complete drawings drafts.

Machinist (02) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

All of the above positions must be able to work flexible time. Interested applicants may apply at GPPC,INC. office located at As Perdido, Saipan. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
GPPC, INC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Closing Date: June 27, 2016

St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

Registered Nurse (06)
- Must pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to Five years experience in hemodialysis or related field
- English language skills – proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-service training with Baxter Phoenix Machines
- Experience with Ameriwater Bicarbonate Distribution System

Hemodialysis Technicians (07)
- Certificate from Junior College/Technician School in Healthcare or related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience preferred
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

Water Treatment Technician (02)
- Must be able to perform task which may not appear difficult at first glance, but requires a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain
- Operational knowledge of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems
- Knowledge of the theory of fluid dynamics
- Understand the mathematical relationships and common formulas of basic water treatment and distribution systems
- Know the specific operations of the water treatment distribution systems, unique to a dialysis unit
- Be familiar with infection control of hemodialysis facilities, safety & life safety policies
- Pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency test for Certified Water Treatment and Distribution Operators Level II
- Understand plumbing code and plumbing techniques
- Be able to demonstrate safe working techniques, proper plumbing techniques, when working pressure vessels
- Able to demonstrate proper plumbing techniques especially when working with PVC
- To accept and perform all other duties as may be assigned

Building Maintenance and Repair (03)
- Perform a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair task
- Perform preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing and security systems
- Perform rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and petitions
- Install solar panels with experience in the maintenance of PV Models
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High School Graduate or Equivalent

Commercial Cleaners (02)
- Operate various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, buffers and etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings
- Requires working in a damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids as required
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste and other disposable materials
- Must handle various cleaning solvents and chemicals that is required by Medicare
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, windows and etc.
- Empty trash containers daily
- Clean and mop bathrooms daily. Mop all corridor floors, lobby and other floors daily
- Report any needed repairs immediately
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients areas and lobby
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping and post occupancy
- Required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner at the business office, Dr.'s office, accounting office, dietician and clinic managers' office
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have their own transportation

Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc. in Chalan Kiya, Saipan.
Deadline to submit an application or resume will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

HSC-25 assists in recovery of Tinian fishermen

ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—An MH-60S, an armed helicopter with a secondary mission of search and rescue, with the Island Knights of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 assisted in the recovery of two persons in distress 13 miles northwest of the Northern Mariana island of Tinian, June 18.

The MH-60S Knighthawk was able to locate and relay the position of the distressed personnel to the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam command center, which was able to coordinate with the Fire Division of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety (DPS) to recover the personnel.

"It means a great deal to be able to help save life. You can't put into words the feeling of helping two people make sure they get ashore safely and see their families," said Lt. Amanda Lowery, aircraft commander of the HSC-25 aircraft that responded to the search and rescue. ""A lot of credit goes to Coast Guard Sector Guam who were able to give us the search data to locate the vessel in distress."

The HSC-25 aircraft was launched at 9:35 p.m. local on June 18 in response to an emergency call received by the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam over the Coast Guard's Rescue 21 communications system.

At 10:19 p.m., the HSC-25 aircraft arrived on scene of the last known position of the vessel and then commenced its first leg of search as directed by the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam. At approximately 10:30 p.m., the HSC-25 aircraft spotted the capsized vessel and the two personnel. The aircraft marked the location by hovering overhead, and passed the information to Coast Guard Sector Guam.

Soon after passing the position, a rescue boat with the Fire Division based out of Saipan arrived and threw life rings to the personnel and the personnel swam to the rescue boat. The rescue boat safely recovered the personnel and brought them to Saipan.

The HSC-25 aircraft returned to Anderson Air Force Base after the personnel were safely on the rescue boat. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 is pictured during a photo exercise off the coast of Guam. Sailors from the Island Knights teamed up with Coast Guard Sector Guam and the local fire department to rescue two fishermen in a capsized boat off the coast of Tinian Saturday night.

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The crew of the MH-60S Seahawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 that rescued two fishermen in a capsized boat off the coast of Tinian Saturday night.

2 Programmatic Agreement Memos for Marine Corps realignment projects

PITI, Guam—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas announced the start of a 45-day public comment phase for two Programmatic Agreement Memos associated with Marine Corps Realignment projects on Guam. PA Memos provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to participate in the

Section 106 consultation process required under the National Historic Preservation Act.

Public comments will be accepted through Aug. 2, 2016 (Chamorro Standard Time) for PA Memo #1: Salvage and Transplantation of Federally Listed Plant Species for Utilities and Site Improvements Phase I at Naval Base

Guam Telecommunications Site (NBGTS), and PA Memo #2: Water Phase 2 (Water Well Development Studies) at Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB).

Interested members of the community may submit comments to criwebcomment@navy.mil. Hard copy comments may be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) at the Guam Historic Resources Division Office, 490 Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights.

PA Memo #1 for Salvage and Transplantation of Federally Listed Plant Species proposes the relocation of protected plants found within the Department of Defense (DoD) lands on Guam to the northern Finegayan Forest Enhancement area. The proposed project scope includes small excavations to reestablish and maintain the relocated plants.

PA Memo #2 for Water Well Development Studies proposes geotechnical work within the Agafa Gumas basin areas of AAFB to identify areas that may yield a reliable average daily potable water supply to support personnel, facilities and operations in the realignment.

To read and download the PA Memos, please log onto the NAVFAC Pacific Cultural Resources Information (CRI) website at http://go.usa.gov/kZWG. (URL is case sensitive). Alternatively, hard copies are available through the Guam SHPO. ***(PR)***

Guam to host Miss Hemisphere Ambassador International

The island of Guam in the Western Pacific will be the official site of the Miss Hemisphere Ambassador International 50th Anniversary Pageant the week of October 23-28, 2016.

The site was selected two years ago when Maria Little, President of Miss Hemishere Inc. (Pageants of America), came to Guam to visit Telo Taitague and Mr. Karl Pangelinan of GVB inquiring about the possibility of holding her 50th Anniversary Pageant here in 2016.

Maria loves the island and has had her Asia Pacific franchisee, Belta Perez hold regional Miss Hemisphere Pageants in Guam, Palau and Saipan since 1981. The National doors opened when Jennifer Ross, Powers Model, Guam talent won her title that launched her professional career in Tokyo, New York and Europe. The rest is history. Guam delegates have won many titles and prizes and college scholarships over the years.

Jessica Limehouse Castro, Miss Hemisphere Ambassador USA 1993 represented JRP, Guam that year with Aneida Rodgers. Both girls took their titles respectively, Miss and Teen USA. A Guamanian resident, Jessica will assist as Executive Assistant Event's Coordinator. Belta says, "Jessica is an incredible professional with exceptional people skills, we are honored to have her on our team." She and Terese Guzman Calvo (Miss Teen Guam Hemisphere 1990) are now scouting for single women in the Pacific region ages 18-33 years old. Miss Hemisphere Ambassador winner and category title holders will receive valuable prizes, cash awards and travel to destinations such as, New York, Los Angeles, Miami Beach and will be part of the Hemisphere Entertainment holiday tour and spokes model for preserving Planet Earth Projects Invitationals.

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Jessica Limehouse Castro, Miss Hemisphere Ambassador USA 1993, helps to launch Miss Hemisphere Ambassador International 50th Anniversary Pageant coming up in October in Guam.

John Robert Powers Talent Career Development School, located in Tamuning above Sunny's Beauty Salon is the official Pageant Headquarters, Open inquiries available 12pm-3pm weekdays or for an appointment call 929-1435/472-8494 or email: jrpguam@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Hopwood student registration starts June 13

Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School would like to inform the general public that registration will begin on June 13, 2016 for all new incoming and ongoing 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Deadline for registration will be July 31, 2016. Please have all the required documents ready when turning in the registration form:

1. Returning students must have the following:

■ Updated registration form (please make sure all the following is updated on the registration: contact numbers/person, email address, map to and from the school, legal guardianship/court documents, name of individuals allowed to pick up your child).

■ Updated health certificate for SY16-17.

■ Updated school insurance (i.e Moylans, Medicaid).

2. New students must have the following:

■ Completed registration form

■ Transcript/Diploma/Report Card and any supporting documents that prove completion from previous school.

■ Birth certificate.

■ Updated health certificate for SY 16-17.

■ Updated school insurance (i.e Moylans, Medicaid).

Note: Be advised that if you don't have the proper documents for registration we won't accept your registration forms. Please make copies of your documents as well before bringing them. We will charge for any documents needing additional copies.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the following numbers: Hopwood principal Jonas M. Barcinas at 237-3422 or the Registrar's Office at 664-5079/237-3425. ***(PR)***

Business

Dairy farmers say safety net on milk prices is not helping

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Northeast dairy farmers who have been strapped for months by low milk prices say a voluntary insurance program that was supposed to be a safety net isn't helping.

The margin protection program provides financial assistance to enrolled farmers when the gap between the price of milk and national average feed costs falls below the coverage levels picked by individual farmers.

"It's a complete failure," said Les Pike, of Keewaydin Farm in Stowe, Vermont, which has been losing money for months. "If it doesn't pay in a year like this, it's completely useless."

Farmers say the margin protection program is not based on Northeast farmers' feed costs but on the national average feed cost, which is less. The chairman of the National Milk Producers Federation testified in Washington last month that the program needs improvements. Randy Mooney, who is also a Missouri dairy farmer, said the formula for calculating feed costs was changed and no longer reflects the true cost of feeding a herd while the insurance premiums for farmers were not reduced.

"For many farmers, the (program) is simply not enough to protect them in this economic environment," he told the House Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

An oversupply of milk in the U.S. and the world has caused milk prices paid to farmers to fall below production costs for months—hovering between $14 and $15 per hundred pounds of milk.

Consumer prices for milk also have dropped but do not follow the farm prices closely.

"Because milk prices are so low ... dairy farmers are producing more milk to keep their cash flow. Obviously that only makes the situation worse," said Doug Dimento, a spokesman for the Agri-Mark, a Northeast dairy cooperative.

U.S. milk exports also have declined in recent years, he said. About 13 percent of the country's milk is exported, down about 2 or 3 percent from recent years.

Farmers in the Northeast have higher expenses for energy, labor and transportation than other areas of the country, so they're feeling particularly hard hit.

Longtime Brookfield, Vermont, farmers Brenda Snow and her husband, who are both in their 60s, decided to sell their cows in June in part due to the prices and because she said they are worn out.

Enemies at work? Control your temper

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

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Q: A staff member recently informed me that I have enemies at work. This was both surprising and distressing, because I try to be professional and friendly with everyone. However, on stressful days, I will admit that I have been known to lose my temper.

As a supervisor in an elder care facility, I am responsible for a unit with 95 residents. Sometimes everything seems to go wrong at once, making it hard to remain calm. Despite this, I have never sensed that anyone felt angry or resentful towards me.

My employee is reluctant to identify the people who are upset, so I don't know how to resolve the problem. What should I do about this?

A: Under different circumstances, I might think your staff member was being a bit snarky. But given your admitted fits of temper, these "enemies" could easily have been created by your previous outbursts. Adults who throw tantrums typically underestimate the residual effects of their anger.

Once an emotional storm has passed, the perpetrator immediately moves on, but those subjected to yelling, cursing, or belittling tend to have much longer memories. So even if your normal demeanor is "friendly and professional", intermittent bouts of rage can still wreak havoc on relationships.

For a supervisor, these explosive reactions are even more reprehensible, because they constitute an abuse of power. Despite the sad fact that many top executives fail this test, managers should always be expected to act like mature adults, even during difficult times.

If remaining calm seems impossible, consider whether you ever direct these tantrums at your boss. If not, this shows you can control them if you try. And for the sake of your department, you really must try, because unrestrained venting just transfers your stress to everyone around you.

To begin correcting the damage, list colleagues who have faced your wrath, then plan on making an apology tour. But first, be absolutely sure that you've mastered anger management, because apologies mean nothing without a change in behavior.

Q: A woman in our department seems to enjoy creating problems. "Gina" has a history of meddling, but because our manager is new, he may not be aware of her reputation.

Recently, Gina sent a coworker the following email and copied our boss: "Needed to see you this morning, but couldn't find you anywhere. I don't believe you have meetings, so I wasn't sure where you had gone. Are you coming back today?"

This co-worker's brief absence had been clearly noted on the department calendar. How would you interpret Gina's motivation for sending this email and copying our manager?

A: Gina's intentions seem quite transparent. By forwarding this reproachful message to your boss, she obviously hopes to get your co-worker in trouble. And perhaps she just enjoys being a tattletale.

The key question, however, is not what Gina wants, but how your manager responds. If he chooses to ignore her petty gossip, then Gina's tattling is simply a nuisance. But if he allows her to become the department monitor, the rest of you may need to help him see her motives more clearly.

Nation

Attorney General says Mateen investigation moving forward

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said Sunday that the FBI will release a partial transcript of the conversations between the gunman within the Pulse gay nightclub and Orlando police negotiators.

Meanwhile, Orlando residents paused throughout the day—at a bar in the early morning hours, at morning church services and at an evening candlelight vigil in the heart of downtown—to remember the victims of the worse mass shooting in modern U.S. history, exactly a week later.

"We are hurting. We are exhausted, confused, and there is so much grief," said Larry Watchorn, a ministerial intern, during a sermon at Joy Metropolitan Community Church in Orlando, whose congregants are predominantly gay. "We come to have our tears wiped away and our strength renewed."

AP

Members of the choir light candles to honor the victims of the recent mass shooting during a candlelight service at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Sunday, June 19, 2016, in Orlando, Fla.

Lynch said in interviews Sunday on several news shows that the FBI would release a partial, printed transcript of the conversations between gunman Omar Mateen from within the Pulse nightclub and Orlando police negotiators. Armed with a semi-automatic weapon, Mateen went on a bloody rampage at the club June 12 that left 49 people dead and 53 others seriously hurt. Mateen died in a hail of police gunfire after police stormed the venue.

GOP's Trump says US should consider profiling Muslims

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump suggested Sunday that the United States should "seriously" consider profiling Muslims inside the country as a terrorism-fighting tool, the latest example of the Republican presidential nominee-in-waiting increasingly backing positions that could single out a group based on their religion.

"We really have to look at profiling," Trump said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation." ''It's not the worst thing to do."

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee added that he "hate(s) the concept of profiling, but we have to use common sense" over "political correctness."

Trump's proposal runs counter to Justice Department policy, which explicitly prohibits profiling on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity and national origin. That profiling ban applies not only to federal agents but also to local law enforcement officers who participate in federal task forces.

Trump's increasing embrace of policies that could isolate Muslims in America is extraordinary for a candidate assured of his party's presidential nomination. The proposals have been roundly dismissed and criticized by many Republican leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan. Civil libertarians, Muslims and others also have strongly disagreed, arguing that profiling is unconstitutional and often constitutes unlawful discrimination based on race, religion and other factors.

Law enforcement should remain allied with groups that might have helpful information, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in an interview that aired Sunday.

ACROSS THE NATION

Fire scares Los Angeles as larger blazes burn across West

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A brush fire that broke out Sunday near downtown Los Angeles threatened a densely populated, hilly neighborhood along a freeway as sizzling temperatures elevated fire danger across the West. Crews knocked down the blaze in the Silver Lake neighborhood after it damaged two homes, destroyed three shed-like structures, scorched yards and sent trees up in flames. Neighbors scrambled with garden hoses and buckets, while water-dropping helicopters and scores of firefighters chased embers and doused steep hillsides to keep the flames from spreading.

The blaze only charred 8 acres, but it put urban residents on alert to the hot, dry conditions that have helped wildfires spread rapidly across more remote places from the California coast to New Mexico.

Phoenix hits 118 as heat wave scorches the Southwest US

PHOENIX (AP)—In a desert city used to triple-digit temperatures, some hunker down inside and some head to the pool, while others still want to hit Phoenix's many hiking trails. But with temperatures creeping above 115 degrees during a heat wave boiling parts of the Southwest, that decision can have deadly consequences. The mercury made a quick ascent Sunday for a high of 118, breaking a record of 115 set nearly 50 years ago, according to the National Weather Service. It tied for the fifth-hottest day ever in Phoenix. Portions of Arizona and southeast California were expected to keep getting scorched Monday with a high-pressure ridge lifting out of Mexico. The weather service forecast similar temperatures in Phoenix before they drop to 113 Tuesday and stay below 115 the rest of the week.

Asia

Massive protest on Okinawa opposes US military after killing

TOKYO (AP)—Tens of thousands of people on the Japanese island of Okinawa protested Sunday against the presence of U.S. military bases there, many wearing black to mourn the rape and killing of a local woman in which an American contractor is a suspect.

The rally called for a review of the U.S.-Japanese security agreement, which burdens Okinawa with hosting the bulk of American troops in Japan. Also contentious is a plan to relocate a Marine Corps air station to a less-populated part of the southwestern island. The relocation plan developed after public anger erupted in 1995 over the rape of a girl by three American servicemen.

The killing of the local woman, who had been missing for several weeks when her body was found last month, set off outrage on Okinawa, where tensions periodically run high over crime linked to American troops. The U.S. contractor, a former Marine, was arrested on May 19 on suspicion of abandoning the woman's body, but has not yet been charged with killing her.

AP

Protesters shout anti-U.S. military bases slogans as they hold placards that read: "Get out U.S. Marines" during a rally in front of the National Diet building in Tokyo Sunday, June 19, 2016.

Okinawa Gov. Takeshi Onaga told the crowd at the rally in Okinawa's capital, Naha, that he wanted to apologize to the woman for failing to protect her, even after what happened in 1995.

"We had pledged never to repeat such an incident," he said. "I couldn't change the political system to prevent that. That is my utmost regret as a politician and as governor of Okinawa."

About 65,000 people attended the rally, according to the Kyodo News agency. Many people held signs demanding the Marines leave and the overall military on Okinawa be scaled back.

Landslides, floods kill 35 on Indonesia's Java island

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—At least 35 people have been killed by landslides and floods on Indonesia's Java island and many others are missing, an official said Sunday.

Dozens of houses were buried in the landslides and thousands of homes were inundated by floods in 16 districts and towns in Central Java province over the weekend.

The spokesman for the National Disaster Management Agency, Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, said that 25 villagers were still missing in the worst-hit district of Purworejo, where 19 people died.

He said seven people were killed in Kebumen district and six in Banjarnegara district, and one each in three other districts.

The dead included two 10-year-olds and a pregnant woman.

"A total of 31 people were killed under landslides, while four were swept away and killed by flooding," Nugroho said in a statement.

Rescue workers including soldiers, police and volunteers were still searching for victims.

Most of the flooding has receded, but residents in affected areas were encouraged to remain vigilant because heavy rains were predicted to continue until Monday.

Seasonal rains often cause flooding and landslides in Indonesia, an archipelago of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or flood-prone plains close to rivers.

ASIAN BRIEFS

India sure of China's support for nuclear group's membership

NEW DELHI (AP)—India said Sunday that it was confident of winning China's support for U.S.-backed efforts for its membership in a group of 48 nations controlling access to sensitive nuclear technology. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told reporters that China was not opposing India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group, but that it has raised objections relating to criteria and processes. An Indian Foreign Ministry official recently visited Beijing and held discussions on the membership issue and highlighted India's track record in efforts to curb the spread of nuclear weapons.

Chinese villagers protest after police detain elected leader

BEIJING (AP)—Residents of a village in southern China where police have been deployed have protested the detention of the village's democratically elected leader and historic seizures of land by past officials. The protests in Wukan come nearly five years after an uprising there made the village in Guangdong province, next to Hong Kong, an internationally known symbol of defiance against China's ruling Communist Party. Residents say police swooped in Friday to surround government buildings and take away Wukan's leader, Lin Zuluan, who had planned to meet with residents Tuesday to discuss illegal land grabs. Chinese authorities said he was being investigated on suspicion of taking bribes.

World

Referendum gamble will define legacy of UK's David Cameron

LONDON (AP)—It's often said that David Cameron is a lucky politician who has seemed to coast through politics on instinct and charm during a career that has culminated in six years as British prime minister. But now his luck may be running out.

In calling a referendum on Britain's membership in the European Union, Cameron has made a gamble that could end his career—and take his country out of an international alliance it joined more than 40 years ago.

It would be a rare but fateful miscalculation for a politician who has a reputation for thriving under pressure and astutely judging political risks.

"I think he's actually been pretty stunned by the strength of the 'leave' cause," said Cameron biographer James Hanning. "The golden rule is, never hold a referendum unless you're confident of winning it, and I think he thought that the moderate voices would prevail by some distance. But that's not the way the polls are suggesting it's going to go."

The referendum campaign has been unexpectedly bitter and divisive, and was brought to a shocked halt when Labour lawmaker Jo Cox was shot and stabbed to death in the street last week. The suspected killer gave his name in court as "death to traitors, freedom for Britain."

Both sides suspended campaigning until Sunday out of respect for Cox, amid fears that the political fury unleashed by the EU campaign was somehow connected to the killing.

Before Cox died, opinion polls had shown surging sentiment in favor of a British exit from the 28-nation EU—known as Brexit. A majority of supporters of Cameron's Conservative Party said they would vote to quit the bloc in Thursday's referendum.

That's bitter news for Cameron, who called the referendum to puncture growing support for the anti-EU U.K. Independence Party and placate the strongly Euroskeptic right wing of the Conservatives.

Victoria Honeyman, a lecturer in British politics at the University of Leeds, said Cameron had seen EU battles poison the leaderships of former Tory leaders John Major and William Hague and "feared a civil war in the Conservative Party."

Syrian forces advance on IS-held air base

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian government forces advanced to within six miles (10 kilometers) of the Islamic State-occupied Tabqa air base in the northern part of the country on Sunday, part of a push to try to unseat the extremist group from its de facto capital, Raqqa.

Government forces recaptured the nearby Thawra oil field from IS militants, according to a Syrian journalist Eyad al-Hosain, who is embedded with the army. Activists said Sunday's government assault was accompanied by an aerial campaign on the town of Tabqa, five miles north of the air base. The activist group, Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently, which smuggles news out of IS-held territory, reported that fighter jets struck the town with cluster munitions, killing at least 10 civilians.

The Tabqa base, 45 kilometers (28 miles) from Raqqa, holds strategic and symbolic value in the government campaign on the IS capital. It was the last position held by government forces in Raqqa province before IS militants overran it in August 2014, killing scores of detained soldiers in a massacre they documented on video. Raqqa itself became the militants' first captive city.

A Syrian opposition coalition, meanwhile, called on Turkey to investigate the deaths of at least eight Syrian refugees, including four children, who were allegedly shot dead by border guards Saturday night while trying to cross the frontier.

A statement by the National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces accused Turkish border guards of firing at a group of civilians trying to cross from Kherbet al-Jouz in northwestern Syria into Turkey's Hatay province, killing 11 people.

UN: 65M people displaced in 2015, a new record

GENEVA (AP)—The U.N. refugee agency says persecution and conflict in places like Syria and Afghanistan raised the total number of refugees and internally displaced people worldwide to a record 65.3 million at the end of last year.

The previous year, 2014, had already seen the highest number of refugees worldwide since World War II, with 60 million displaced people. But last year - when Europe staggered under the arrival of large numbers of migrants - topped that record by nearly 10 percent, the UNHCR said Monday in unveiling its annual Global Trends Report.

The Geneva-based agency urged leaders from Europe and elsewhere to do more to end the wars that are fanning the exodus of people from their homelands.

"I hope that the message carried by those forcibly displaced reaches the leaderships: We need action, political action, to stop conflicts," said Filippo Grandi, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "The message that they have carried is: 'If you don't solve problems, problems will come to you.'"

With stark detail, UNHCR said that on average, 24 people had been displaced every minute of every day last year—or 34,000 people a day—up from 6 every minute in 2005. Global displacement has roughly doubled since 1997, and risen by 50 percent since 2011 alone—when the Syria war began.

More than half of all refugees came from three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia.

Turkey was the "top host" country for the second year running, taking in 2.5 million people—nearly all from neighboring Syria. Afghan neighbor Pakistan had 1.6 million, while Lebanon, next to Syria, hosted 1.1 million.

Grandi said policymakers and advocacy groups admittedly face daunting challenges helping the largest subset of displaced people: Some 40.8 million internally displaced in countries in conflict. Another 21.3 million were refugees and some 3.2 million more were seeking asylum.

Focus

DIVIDED AMERICA:
Gun views fractious even as fewer bear arms

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NEW YORK (AP)—Look anywhere in this nation born of a bloody revolution of musket fire, and you're likely to find sharp disagreement over guns.

Democrats war with Republicans; small towns are pitted against cities. Women and men are at odds, as are blacks and whites and old and young. North clashes with South, East with West.

"The current gun debate is more polarized and sour than any time before in American history," said Adam Winkler, a constitutional law professor at UCLA and author of the 2011 book, "Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America."

Still numb from the latest mass shooting, in Orlando, it's easy to imagine that guns have always divided us this way. But a close look at survey data over decades shows they haven't.

There was a time when most citizens favored banning handguns, the chief gun lobbyists supported firearm restrictions, and courts hadn't yet interpreted the Second Amendment as guaranteeing a personal right to bear arms for self-defense at home.

Today, in a country of hundreds of millions of guns, public opinion and interpretation of the law have shifted so much that outright gun bans are unthinkable. It's true that large segments of the public have expressed support for some aspects of gun regulation—but when Americans have been asked to say which is more important, gun control or gun rights, they trend toward the latter.

AP

This Oct. 12, 1964 file photo shows an 18th Century flint lock pocket pistol, from the Revolutionary War era, on display in a rare gun collection at the Abercrombie & Fitch department store in New York.

That shift has come, perhaps surprisingly, as fewer Americans today choose to keep a gun in their home. The General Social Survey by NORC at the University of Chicago—one of the foremost authorities on gun ownership—found 31 percent of households had guns in 2014, down from a high of 50.4 percent in 1977.

"Institutions have repeated, 'More guns, less crime. More guns, less crime,' over and over again for almost 40 years, and it's hard to turn that belief around in any easy way," said Joan Burbick, an emeritus professor at Washington State University who wrote "Gun Show Nation: Gun Culture and American Democracy" and who owns a gun for hobby shooting.

Among the longest-existing measures of public gun sentiment is a Gallup poll question asking whether there should be a law banning handguns except by police and other authorized people. When it was first asked, in July 1959, 60 percent of respondents approved of such a measure.

By last October, only 27 percent agreed.

Many point to a single date as crucial in the societal shift: May 21, 1977, when a contingent of National Rifle Association members staged a revolt that remade the group's leadership, scuttled plans for a retreat from politics and sealed a rightward, hard-line shift. It led to a fundamental remaking of the NRA, which had come to accept some gun laws, including the Gun Control Act of 1968.

"That was the moment, in one evening, when the gun debate in America radically changed," said Winkler.

The gun lobby's increasingly powerful voice found receptive ears among a public left uneasy by civil rights battles, assassinations and growing urban lawlessness. Over time, statehouses and Congress bowed to the influence of the NRA and its allies. And in 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court finally declared Americans have the right to a gun for self-defense.

"What they (gun rights advocates) did is a classic example of how you make constitutional change: They realized they needed to win in the court of public opinion before you could win in the court of law," said Michael Waldman, president of the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University and author of "The Second Amendment: A Biography."

The NRA did not respond to an interview request. But data from the GSS and the Pew Research Center offers a sketch of what the gun-owning populace looks like today: Overwhelmingly white and male, concentrated in rural areas, and more often identifying with or leaning toward the Republican Party. They also have higher incomes and are more likely to vote.

Though polarization appears in broad questions on gun rights, far more consensus emerges on individual proposals.

A Pew poll released in August showed 85 percent of people support background checks for purchases at gun shows and in private sales; 79 percent support laws to prevent the mentally ill from buying guns; 70 percent approve of a federal database to track gun sales; and 57 percent favor a ban on assault weapons.

"The fact is it's not divisive. The things that we're advocating in the American public, when you're talking about keeping guns out of dangerous hands, we all agree," said Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. "The only place where this is truly a controversial issue is, tragically and disgracefully, in Congress and in our statehouses across the country."

Support for gun and terrorism policies

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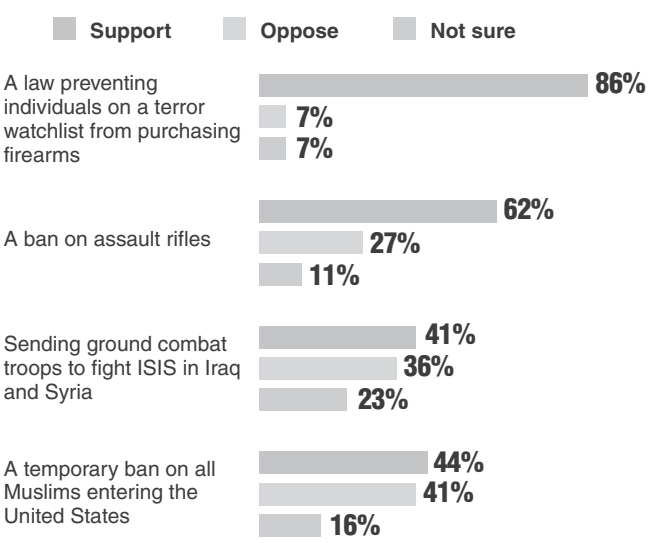

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Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW: 2016 BMW 750i overflows with innovation

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When the driver of a 2016 BMW 750i does a finger gesture in your direction, don't be offended. It's nothing personal.

He's just relaying commands via BMW's intriguing and new Gesture Control system, the world's first such feature in a car. Spin a finger in a circular motion and up goes the radio volume. A two-finger gesture can change the station or return to the previous screen. In all, five midair gestures are available to control the infotainment system.

Is this really any easier than turning a knob or pushing a button? Ah, probably not, but it will impress the neighbors.

Fact is, the new 7 Series is loaded with new technologies, including a built-in wireless phone charger in the center bin. Also, a new key fob that is more like a mini smartphone shows range, fuel status and other car-service data. And a removable tablet with a 7-inch screen lets rear passengers adjust light, audio and massaging seats.

One more innovative feature brings us to the drive — after all, isn't that what Beemers are really all about? It is BMW's new adaptive air suspension system (part of the optional Autobahn package) and it refines the ride by surveying the road conditions ahead and then making adjustments accordingly. That means flatter corners and better handling overall.

The all-wheel-drive 750i's powerplant is a carryover of last year, a 4.4-liter twin-turbo V-8 that punches out 445 horsepower and 480 pound-feet of torque. It is mated to a silky smooth eight-speed automatic transmission.

Step on the accelerator and the 750i will sprint to 60 mph in a jarring 4.3 seconds, and do the quarter-mile in 12.7 seconds as it hits 111.9 mph. Helping that happen is its carbon "core," which BMW says is 50-percent lighter than steel and gives the car a lower center of gravity and improved agility.

Better behavior will be needed, of course, if you're interested in keeping mileage near the Environmental Protection Agency-estimated 16 mpg in city driving and 25 mpg on the highway.

Last year there were four drive modes, ranging from Eco Pro for economy-minded to Sport Plus. BMW added a fifth this year and it may be the best of the set. Adaptive mode automatically adjusts the suspension, steering and tranny responses to your particular driving style.

Steering feel is less sharp than with some of its foes, especially performance machines like the Porsche Panamera, but the 750i remains a dynamic personality on the road.

Equally impressive is what's on the inside: BMW paid special attention this year to comfort, high-tech goodies and too many luxuries to mention. Would you believe wood-trimmed seatbelt covers?

NUTS & BOLTS

- **BMW 750i xDrive:** $98,345
- **AS TESTED:** $124,045
- **POWERTRAIN:** 4.4-liter, 445-horsepower twin-turbo engine mated to eight-speed automatic transmission
- **ZERO-TO-60 mph:** 4.3 seconds
- **EPA MILEAGE:** 16 mpg city, 25 mpg highway

A digital gauge cluster and the latest version of the iDrive system with touchpad control are good for starters. Upgraded-leather front seats get 20-way power with four-way power lumbar and heated armrests — if you can't find comfort here, please see a physician.

Rear passengers have it even better. The 750i's standard stretched platform (you can't get the short version anymore) translates to limo-style legroom of 44.4 inches. That's complemented by power foot rests, power side and rear window shades and folding tables. A Wi-Fi hotspot lets you stream content from your smartphone or tablet to the entertainment screen.

Concert music will sound like a live performance with an available 16-speaker Bowers & Wilkins surround-sound system. And there's even a cabin fragrance system — just press a button for a spray of flowery freshener.

Cargo space is a roomy 18.2 cubic feet and includes a pass-through into the rear seat for the skis.

High-tech safety features come in two packages. The first has lane-departure warning, parking assistance, front-collision warning and mitigation, and Surround View camera, which offers top and 3-D panoramic views. A second package offers adaptive cruise control plus a new feature, Traffic Jam Assistant, which makes automatic steering adjustments in sluggish traffic situations.

BMW calls the new 7 Series "luxury's newest evolution." No wonder one woman, a self-avowed Beemer enthusiast, said in an online forum: "I am beyond impressed and don't want to get out of the car."

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The 2016 BMW 750i is loaded with new technologies, including a carbon "core" that allows it to reach 60 mph in a scant 4.3 seconds.

UNDER THE HOOD:

'Fuel trims' explained

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**
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Q: I took your advice and purchased a diagnostic scanner. I've been playing with it and trying to make sense of some of the things on the data list. I remember you saying that the "fuel trims" were a useful thing to check. How do they work?

-Albert C.

A: Fun stuff! Cars built since 1996 (1997 for trucks) are required to display the air-fuel correction factor, among other system operating data on an onboard diagnostic scan tool. This will typically be seen as a "short-term fuel trim" percentage and a "long-term fuel trim" percentage (some manufacturers list these as a decimal value). For our example I'll use a four- or six-cylinder engine that has only one bank of cylinders to correct.

Assuming one had a perfect engine operating in a perfect environment, both short- and long-term fuel trims would be seen as zero. In the real world you'll see either a positive or negative fuel trim reading of a few percent for each and every driving condition. A slightly lean condition (a shortage of fuel or abundance of air) that just happened would be reported by the front-upstream oxygen or air-fuel sensor, and the powertrain control module would respond with a positive short trim percentage of perhaps plus-8 percent, adding fuel to bring the mixture to normal. If this were a rich condition (too much fuel or not enough air), the percentage might be minus-8 percent, reducing fuel. As the engine runs further with the condition remaining, the needed correction is learned and shifted to long term fuel trim, allowing the short term trim to return close to zero, awaiting the next situation that might develop.

Fuel trims typically max out at around somewhere between plus-or-minus-18 percent to 30 percent before the managing system cries foul, stops further corrections, sets a diagnostic trouble code, and illuminates the malfunction indicator. It's helpful to remember that there's a differing fuel trim for all driving conditions. Let's say the fuel filter is somewhat clogged with debris. At low speed-load conditions, fuel flow is adequate so the fuel trims look normal. When the engine is working hard accelerating or climbing a hill and needed fuel flow exceeds delivery, the fuel trim(s) will dart sharply upward. If it's the first time the condition has been encountered, it'll be seen in the short-term trim. If it's a learned-repeat condition, it'll show up more so in the long term fuel trim.

Multi-bank six-, eight-, ten-, and twelve-cylinder engines often employ a separate short and long term fuel trim for each bank of cylinders. A malfunctioning fuel injector on the first cylinder (the first bank) would cause an unusual fuel trim reading on "bank one fuel trim," while "bank 2 fuel trim" would appear normal. A dirty fuel filter or leaky mass airflow sensor hose would show equally on both bank one and bank two trims as these faults affect all cylinders.

Fuel trims provide helpful diagnostic information, but there can still be a fly or two in the ointment. Individual cylinder problems get averaged in with their siblings on that bank, and the fuel trims are only as reliable as the oxygen or air-fuel sensor that reported the issue.

Now that you're armed and dangerous with the scan tool, remember: "If it isn't broke, don't fix it!"

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Life & Style

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JON PEREZ
The Magellan's renovated dining area can now fit an army of hungry guests.

'All aboard' inside a bigger The Magellan

It's 11:30am, foot traffic inside The Magellan starts to increase. Couples, families, or group of friends—mostly made up of Pacific Islands Club's hungry in-house guests—come through the door and quickly head to the buffet line.

At the dining area, food and beverage manager Rommel Bartolo's wait staff quickly assists customers with their requests and other concerns.

Over at the kitchen, chef de cuisine June Evangelista and his team work quickly to cook new batches to refill what's on the menu for the day; sure an occasional outburst and shouting incident arise but all is good after that.

This is organized chaos every lunch buffet at The Magellan with the entire staff—from dining to kitchen—working like a well-oiled machine, each knowing his function and part to make sure no or mistakes are minimized.

It is now almost 12pm, and the crowd is increasing by the minute. That poses no problem at The Magellan as it can now accommodate 700 guests—from the extension to the adjacent Charley's Cabaret function room—after all the renovations and other improvements were completed this month.

Extending The Magellan's dining area was one of PIC management's plans, part of the innovation of the San Antonio hotel and resort facility. Construction began in the last week of July 2015, but the project got extended when Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan month later.

One could see the spacious area and a different buffet stations with every space maximized. The glass of The Magellan's skylight was also replaced with customers noticing the bright glow of sunlight piercing through.

The Magellan had been a favorite venue on the island to host weddings, birthdays, and after graduation parties, baptisms, confirmations, and other special occasions. After all, it is the only one of the few establishments on the island that could host big functions.

Bartolo said they have been fully booked two days before Father's Day. "The same thing happened on Mother's Day where they needed to arrange a separate buffet station at the Seaside Grill and set up pavilions outside to accommodate guests."

The Magellan went through some changes but the taste of the food they offer remains the same, assured Evangelista. The menu changes daily to accommodate the palates of its diverse clients.

"We usually set and plan the menu a week before. Our Sunday buffet is unique. We make sure the serving of our food remains the same and make quick refills of the popular choices of our guests."

Bartolo has 26 wait staff, while 25 cooks help Evangelista inside the kitchen. All work in shifts—breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffet—but all hands are on deck if the need arises.

The Magellan still has unlimited drinks including soda, juices, tea, coffee, wine, and draft beer—Bud Light and Miller.

For inquiries and reservation, call 237-5136.

JON PEREZ
Customers will surely enjoy fresh sashimi and other appetizers.

JON PEREZ
One cannot resist tasting the seafood paella at the newly renovated The Magellan.

A staff finishes cooking a new batch of pad thai. JON PEREZ

JON PEREZ
Food and beverage manager Rommel Bartolo, left, and chef de cuisine June Evangelista make sure everything is in place before they open the doors for the lunch buffet.

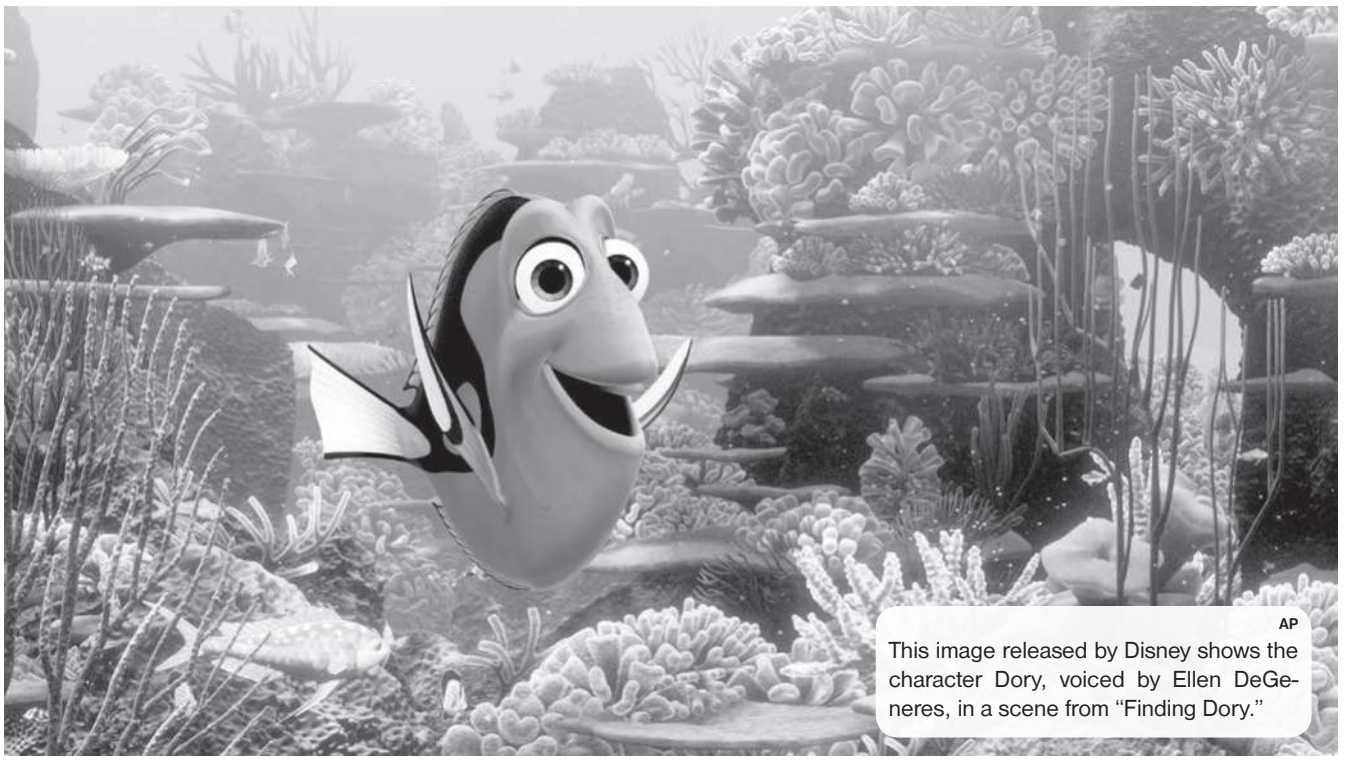
JON PEREZ
A five-member pastry crew prepares various mouth-watering desserts and bread.

JON PEREZ
Different types of cuisine are offered everyday to cater to local and foreign guests.

JON PEREZ
The Magellan's wait staff enjoy a relaxing moment before the start of the lunch buffet.

Kids enjoy playtime with PIC mascot Siheky. JON PEREZ

'Finding Dory' blows animation record out of the water



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This image released by Disney shows the character Dory, voiced by Ellen DeGeneres, in a scene from "Finding Dory."

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The forgetful blue fish of "Finding Dory" is box office gold.

The Pixar sequel far surpassed its already ocean-sized expectations to take in $136.2 million in North American theaters, making it the highest-grossing animated debut of all time, not adjusting for inflation, according to comScore estimates Sunday.

The 2007 film "Shrek the Third" was the previous record-holder, with a $121.6 million debut.

"Finding Dory," which comes 13 years after "Finding Nemo," is also the second-largest June opening of all time, with "Jurassic World" at No. 1. The well-reviewed film features the voices of Ellen DeGeneres and Albert Brooks.

Going into the weekend, analysts expected "Finding Dory" to draw big, $100 million-plus numbers, but never this big.

"The thought was: 'Could this be the movie to eclipse "Toy Story 3's" opening?' not, 'Could it become the biggest animated opening of all time?'" said Paul Dergarabedian, comScore's senior media analyst. "That's the power of the Pixar brand."

Until now, "Toy Story 3" was Pixar's biggest opening ever, with $110.3 million.

Disney Executive Vice President of Distribution Dave Hollis was particularly heartened that the film did such robust late-night business on Friday and Saturday.

"That's really a testament to this being a picture for everyone—not just for families," Hollis said.

"Finding Dory" has the animated seas to itself until "The Secret Life of Pets" opens July 8.

The Kevin Hart and Dwayne Johnson buddy comedy "Central Intelligence" also had a relatively muscular weekend, with a better-than-expected $34.5 million, putting it in second place.

"It's a real home run," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' executive vice president of domestic distribution. "These two comedians are just stars. They connect with their audience and each other in such a strong way. You just laugh when you watch them."

"Central Intelligence" cost a reported $50 million to make and scored especially well with younger audiences, who the studio hopes will propel word-of-mouth business in weeks to come. The next major comedy releases don't come until mid-July, with "Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates" and "Ghostbusters."

In third place, the James Wan horror pic "The Conjuring 2" fell 62 percent in its second weekend in theaters, earning $15.6 million and bringing its domestic total to $71.7 million.

Rounding out the top five were "Now You See Me 2," with $9.7 million, and "Warcraft," with $6.5 million.

Overall, the weekend is down nearly 5 percent from last year, when "Inside Out" launched with $90.4 million and "Jurassic World" earned $106.6 million in its second weekend in theaters.

Still, Dergarabedian says the comparatively big audiences this weekend are good for business in the long run because they'll be exposed to trailers for upcoming summer films. The success of "Finding Dory" and "Central Intelligence" also comes after a few weekends of underwhelming sequels and all-out flops.

"A movie like 'Dory' can reinvigorate a marketplace that has been in the doldrums for the last few weeks," he said.

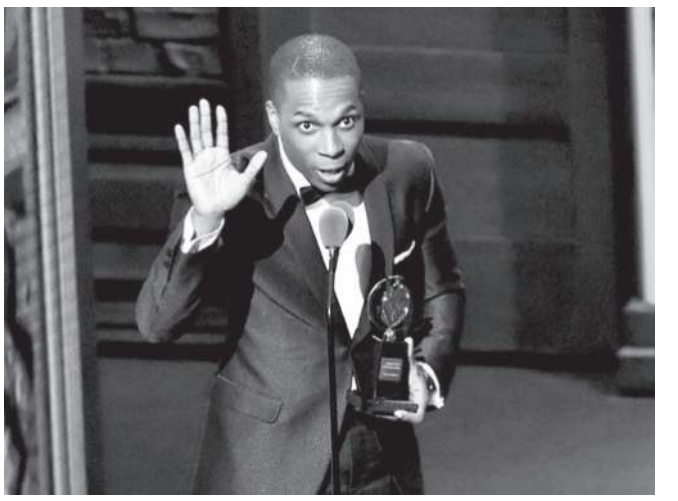
Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "**Finding Dory**," $136.2 million *($50 million international).*
2. "**Central Intelligence**," $34.5 million *($6.8 million international).*
3. "**The Conjuring 2**," $15.6 million *($41.9 million international).*
4. "**Now You See Me 2**," $9.7 million *($15.8 million international).*
5. "**Warcraft**," $6.5 million *($17.7 million international).*
6. "**X-Men: Apocalypse**," $5.2 million *($12.8 million international).*
7. "**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows**," $5.2 million *($10.5 million international).*
8. "**Me Before You**," $4.2 million *($13.5 million international).*
9. "**Alice Through the Looking Glass**," $3.6 million *($8 million international).*
10. "**Captain America: Civil War**," $2.3 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "**Finding Dory**," $50 million.
2. "**The Conjuring 2**," $41.9 million.
3. "**Warcraft**," $17.7 million.
4. "**Now You See Me 2**," $15.8 million.
5. "**Me Before You**," $13.5 million.
6. "**X-Men: Apocalypse**," $12.8 million.
7. "**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows**," $10.5 million.
8. "**Alice Through the Looking Glass**," $8 million.
9. "**Central Intelligence**," $6.8 million.
10. "**The Angry Birds Movie**," $6.3 million.

Next out: Leslie Odom Jr. to exit 'Hamilton' in July



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In a Sunday, June 12, 2016 file photo, Leslie Odom Jr. accepts the award for leading actor in a musical for "Hamilton," at the Tony Awards at the Beacon Theatre, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—A week after winning a best leading actor Tony Award, Leslie Odom Jr. has announced he will leave the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton," joining key principals out the door next month.

The actor, who plays Aaron Burr in the hip-hop hit musical about Alexander Hamilton, announced Sunday on Facebook that he'll leave the show on July 9 when his contract is up. He has been with the show since it first began performances in early 2015 downtown.

Odom said on Facebook that he would never forget the people he met during the process, which he described as "healing" and "inspiring." In an interview with The Associated Press on Friday, the actor said that he wanted to focus on his music after he leaves the show. This month, he released a self-titled jazz album, his first in a new four-CD deal with S-Curve Records.

Odom's announcement follows that of show creator and star Lin-Manuel Miranda, who said Thursday that he also would exit the show on July 9. Phillipa Soo who plays Eliza Schuyler also announced this week that she'll exit the show in July. So far, there is no word on two other principals—Tony-winners Daveed Diggs and Renee Elise Goldsberry.

Many who celebrated the 11 Tony-haul of "Hamilton" have been with the show for a long time, most for a punishing eight-show-a-week schedule. And producers will soon be introducing new cast members for a production in Chicago, a national tour that kicks off on the West Coast and a London company.

Odom, who studied at Carnegie Mellon University, became the youngest ever cast in the Broadway company of "Rent." He also was on TV in the series "Smash" and "CSI: Miami," in the film "Red Tails" and on Broadway in "Leap of Faith."

On Friday, Odom told The AP that he was looking forward to other people tackling Burr, which was written specifically for minority actors. "It's a great part that now exists for actors of color," he said. "I have friends that I want to see sink their teeth in this part."

Group suing to stop Lucas museum outlines settlement options

CHICAGO (AP)—A group suing to block construction of "Star Wars" filmmaker George Lucas' museum on Chicago's lakefront is willing to negotiate a settlement to allow the project to proceed, but only under several conditions.

Friends of the Parks released a memo outlining stipulations under which it would settle its lawsuit, including a legally-binding promise from the city to protect the lakefront from development for the next century. The memo says the group also wants 5 percent of the museum's revenues allocated to a parks fund for improvements in areas lacking funding, The Chicago Tribune reported Saturday (http://trib.in/1UIhJoR).

Friends of the Park Executive Director Juanita Irizarry sent the memo to group members Thursday, responding to some in her organization who want to be more flexible to the Lucas project. The group wants to discuss the conditions outlined in the memo with the mayor's office.

Lucas wants the museum, which would showcase his art collection, on Lake Michigan's shores near downtown Chicago. The museum's construction was scheduled to begin this spring, but the group's lawsuit contending the 300,000-square-foot project violates laws restricting the area's development put construction on hold.

Last month, the city of Chicago asked the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to dismiss the lawsuit. A ruling is pending.

The original site planned for the museum is a parking lot near Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears. However, the city is considering demolishing a portion of the McCormick Place convention complex as a backup. That location would also put the museum by the lake.

However, the parks group says in its memo that it would be open to having the museum at McCormick Place, but not the location near Solider Field. Instead, the group wants the parking lot near the stadium to be converted into a green event space. The group also wants a significant number of jobs at the museum to be given to low-income and minority residents.

As the project continues to be litigated, San Francisco officials are trying to persuade Lucas to build his museum there instead. Lucas picked Chicago over San Francisco when he was deciding on a location.

The museum is expected to cost $400 million to build.

'Star Trek' actor Anton Yelchin killed when his car hits him

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anton Yelchin, a rising actor best known for playing Chekov in the new "Star Trek" films, was killed by his own car as it rolled down his driveway early Sunday, police and his publicist said.

The car pinned Yelchin, 27, against a brick mailbox pillar and a security fence at his home in Los Angeles, Officer Jenny Hosier said. He had gotten out of the vehicle momentarily, but police did not say why he was behind it when it started rolling.

Yelchin was on his way to meet friends for a rehearsal, Hosier said. When he didn't show up, the group came to his home and found him dead.

The freak accident tragically cuts short the promising career of an actor whom audiences were still getting to know and who had great artistic ambition. "Star Trek Beyond," the third film in the rebooted series, comes out in July.

Director J.J. Abrams, who cast Yelchin in the franchise, wrote in a statement that he was "brilliant ... kind ... funny as hell, and supremely talented."

His death was felt throughout the industry.

"What a rare and beautiful soul with his unstoppable passion for life," Jodie Foster said. "He was equal parts serious thinker and the most fun little brother you could ever dream of."

AP
In this June 11, 2015, file photo, Anton Yelchin arrives at a special screening of "Burying the Ex" held at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Los Angeles.

Yelchin co-starred in Foster's 2011 film "The Beaver."

"He was a ferocious movie buff who put us all to shame," said Gabe Klinger, who directed Yelchin in the upcoming film "Porto," likely to be released this fall. "He was watching four or five movies every night."

Klinger said Yelchin had a particular affinity for silent films.

Yelchin began acting as a child, taking small roles in independent films and various television shows, such as "ER," ''The Practice," and "Curb Your Enthusiasm." His breakout big-screen role came opposite Anthony Hopkins in 2001's "Hearts in Atlantis."

He transitioned into teen roles in films such as the crime thriller "Alpha Dog" and the comedy "Charlie Bartlett." He also played a young Kyle Reese in 2009's "Terminator Salvation."

Yelchin, an only child, was born in Russia. His parents were professional figure skaters who moved the family to the United States when Yelchin was a baby. He briefly flirted with skating lessons, too, before discovering that he wasn't very skilled on the ice. That led him to acting class.

"I loved the improvisation part of it the most, because it was a lot like just playing around with stuff. There was something about it that I just felt completely comfortable doing and happy doing," Yelchin told The Associated Press in 2011 while promoting the romantic drama "Like Crazy." He starred opposite Felicity Jones.

"(My father) still wanted me to apply to college and stuff, and I did," Yelchin said. "But this is what I wanted."

The discipline that Yelchin learned from his athlete parents translated into his work as an actor, which he treated with seriousness and professionalism, said Klinger, the director.

He drew on his Russian roots for his role as the heavily accented navigator Chekov in the "Star Trek" films, his most high-profile to date.

"What's great about him is he can do anything. He's a chameleon. He can do bigger movies or smaller, more intimate ones," ''Like Crazy" director Drake Doremus told the AP in 2011. "There are a lot of people who can't, who can only do one or the other. ... That's what blows my mind."

William Shatner to mark 50 years of 'Star Trek' at Comic Con

BOSTON (AP)—Actor William Shatner will appear at Boston Comic Con 2016 to mark the 50th anniversary of the hit television series "Star Trek."

The three-day convention is scheduled for Aug. 12 through Aug. 14 at the Seaport World Trade Center.

Shatner played Captain James T. Kirk on the iconic show. He will appear at the convention on Aug. 12, when Fenway Park will host a Star Trek 50th Anniversary Night. Shatner will throw out the first pitch before the Red Sox play the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Shatner will also be available to meet with fans on Aug. 13.

The convention will feature appearances by well-known comic artists and celebrity guests, a charity art auction, a film festival, a harbor cruise and a costume contest.

AP
In a Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 file photo, actor William Shatner attends the 2015 Voice Arts Awards held at the Pacific Design Center, in West Hollywood, Calif.

It's a baby girl for Eddie Redmayne and wife Hannah

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oscar winner Eddie Redmayne and his wife, Hannah, have welcomed a daughter just in time for Father's Day.

The actor's rep confirmed Sunday that the couple are new parents to daughter Iris Mary Redmayne. They announced the arrival of their first child in the U.K. paper "The Times."

The Redmaynes have been married since late 2014.

The 34-year-old actor won an Oscar in 2015 for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything." Redmayne was nominated again this year for his role as transgender artist Lili Elbe in "The Danish Girl."

He can be seen this November in J.K. Rowling's "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

Wife's man of her dreams is angered by men in her books

DEAR ABBY: I'm happily married to the man of my dreams. We met after I had gone through a particularly difficult breakup, and I often credit him with "saving" me. We've been together 15 years and have two beautiful children.

While we both have professional careers, I also write romance novels as a hobby and side business. With every book authors write, a tiny part of their lives sneaks into their characters, storyline, etc. When my husband reads my novels—as he does often—he becomes sullen, withdrawn and angry. He can't seem to understand that 99 percent of what I've written is fiction. He's convinced that everything I write is somehow linked to an old boyfriend or actual events.

This is causing hurt feelings and resentment from both of us. Should I give up writing, or should he learn to deal with it?

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

DEAR HAPPILY EVER AFTER: It's a fact that talented writers have active fantasy lives. Authors who come to mind would be Mary Shelley, who created "Frankenstein," Anne Rice and her vampires, E.L. James, who shared her S&M fantasies with the world—and countless male authors including John le Carre, Daniel Defoe and William Shakespeare. (Obviously, Ian Fleming did not do everything that his character, James Bond, did.)

Ideally, your husband—the man of your dreams—should be able to tell you if something bothers him without sulking. And if he trusts you, he should be able to accept that what you are writing is fiction. If that's not the case, rather than your giving up writing, your husband should quit reading your books.

DEAR ABBY: My son chose his cousin, "Tim," as best man for his wedding. Tim gave a speech about how my son was like a little brother to him and mentioned some of the pranks he would play on my son. It was extremely funny, but the reality is that the pranks were quite cruel.

My nephew got very drunk at the wedding, and while my son was dancing with his new bride, a final prank was pulled. Tim approached my son from behind and gave him a huge "wedgie," which tore my son's expensive wedding pants apart. My son was very angry. His new bride appeared shocked, and it was a terrible ending to an otherwise beautiful wedding.

My sister promised me that Tim would "make it right." It's now four weeks later, and I have learned that my son immediately apologized to his cousin for his reaction (which was understandable). Tim did not apologize and has not accepted any accountability. I thought perhaps his wedding gift would cover the cost of the pants, but my son says it was less than the cost of the thank-you gift my son and his wife gave my nephew.

My sister and her son are frugal, and she now says that her son needs to save his money. Any suggestions other than Judge Judy?

WEDDING WEDGIE

DEAR W.W.: Only this: In the interest of family harmony, step back and stay out of it. Your nephew appears to have poor judgment, but how your son and his bride choose to handle what happened is their problem, not yours.

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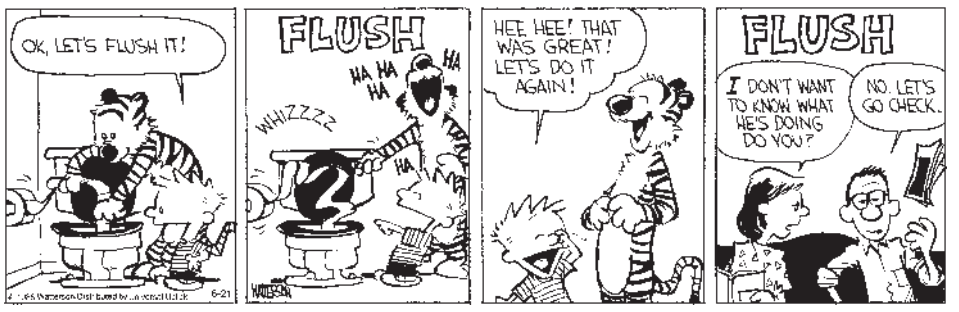
OK, LET'S FLUSH IT!
FLUSH
WHIZZZZ
HA HA HA
HEE HEE! THAT WAS GREAT! LET'S DO IT AGAIN!
FLUSH
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING DO YOU?
NO. LET'S GO CHECK.

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IT HURTS ME THAT YOU THINK THAT WASN'T FIRST ON THE LIST.

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HOW HAVE YOU BEEN FEELING?
I HAVE ALL KINDS OF MISCELLANEOUS SYMPTOMS, DOC.
NURSE!
GO FILL THIS WITH ALL KINDS OF MISCELLANEOUS PILLS FROM THE CABINET.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Holy cow!"
5 With it, once
8 Cast a ballot
12 On the briny
13 Rowing tool
14 — about (circa)
15 "Pygmalion" writer
16 Set of rules
18 Sunshade
20 "Skyfall" singer
21 Hostel
22 Street address?
23 Slow mover
26 Hybrid fuel
30 Boom times
31 Foundation
32 French "yes"
33 English seaport
36 Media barrage
38 Upper limit
39 Soccer's Hamm
40 Outdo by a bit
43 Cough-drop flavor
47 Nonsense
49 "Othello" villain
50 Kermit, for one
51 Priestly garment
52 Passel
53 Logical
54 Pod veggie
55 Tackles weeds

DOWN
1 React in horror
2 Job-safety org.
3 Blacken
4 Aloha State
5 Biker's invitation
6 Hoops great Monroe
7 Expert
8 Type of doll
9 Formerly
10 Implement
11 Perry's creator
17 Old salts
19 NBC sketch show
22 Abysmal
23 Deli creation
24 "Fresh Air" airer
25 "— was saying ..."
26 Solidify
27 — polloi
28 Chic no more
29 Actress Taylor
31 Jury enclosure
34 Mascara mishap
35 Carton sealer
36 Crib
37 A bit tardy
39 Peach —
40 Does in, mob-style
41 Asta's mistress
42 Carolina college
43 Burrowing critter
44 Head light?
45 Curved molding
46 Weather map markings
48 Knock

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-21

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Formulate a gameplan before you begin. Organization will be a critical part of reaching your destination. Take better care of your physical and emotional well-being. It's important to remain healthy if you want to accomplish your goals. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take the initiative to plan your next vacation. Regardless of whether you go away or stay put, the venues you choose to enjoy will have an impact on what you decide to do for the remainder of the year. Choose wisely. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Find a way to make ends meet. Living excessively will be your downfall. Use your intelligence and make lifestyle changes that will help you save money. Take care of your family's needs first. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You can accomplish anything if you set priorities and remain focused. An opportunity will arise that will alter your future and improve your domestic situation. A partnership will benefit if you collaborate and compromise. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Refuse to let opposition get in the way. Paying close attention to detail will deter anyone from complaining or trying to take over. Your generosity and desire to take action will impress someone who has the potential to change your life. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Do what works best for you. Your willingness to do things on your own will attract helpers. Engage in talks with those who have something to offer, and a partnership will develop. Sort out past problems before you move forward. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Rely on your merits and you will be able to bring about the changes that will improve your life. Don't procrastinate because someone plays with your emotions. Stay focused on what you want and don't lose sight of your goals. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Your enthusiasm will help you get the assistance you need to get things done. Your own ideas combined with the suggestions of others will give you the edge in any competition. Making a romantic commitment will have a positive effect on your life. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Having a solid strategy in place will help you avoid conflict and confusion. Learn what you need to know to avoid being led astray by someone with a pushy attitude. Make changes instead of having them forced upon you. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Look for different ways to bring in cash or settle a disagreement. Being on the same page as the person who has the biggest influence on your life will lead to a much better outcome. Romance will improve your life. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Offer knowledge and experience, and you will bring about the changes that will help you earn more and gain respect. Keeping your suggestions simple will help you get your point across. Use brains instead of brawn. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You can take care of emotional matters that will bring you closer to the people you love most. A change to your home surroundings will result in compliments. Love and romance are on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

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Difficulty Level ★★ 6/21

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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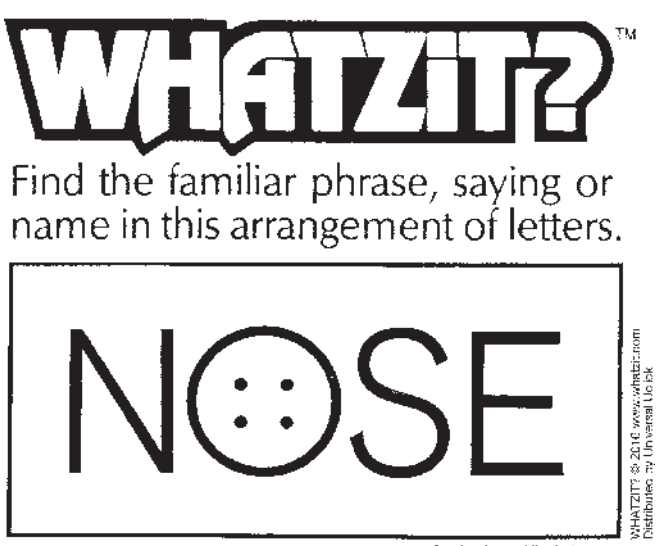

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Johnson breaks rule, wins US Open

AP
Dustin Johnson holds the trophy as Jack Nicklaus looks on after winning the U.S. Open golf championship at Oakmont Country Club on Sunday, June 19, 2016, in Oakmont, Pa.

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP)—Dustin Johnson didn't understand the rule.

But what he had to do? That was another story. The heartbreak of losing other major championships taught him well.

Johnson kept his cool Sunday while facing a possible penalty for something he claimed he didn't do. He played steady down the stretch before hitting the 6-iron of his life on the final hole—from 192 yards out to 3 feet—to finally win a U.S. Open.

Thankfully for both U.S. Golf Association officials and Johnson, the penalty didn't play a role in the outcome.

"I didn't think that I did anything to cause the ball to move," he said, "but at the end of the day, it didn't affect what happened. So it doesn't bother me at all."

USGA officials debated among themselves after it appeared Johnson's ball moved as he addressed it on the fifth green. But it was clear they were going to penalize Johnson even when he said it wasn't his fault. The ruling drew howls of protests on Twitter from Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler. The USGA defended its decision to tell Johnson on the 12th tee he might be penalized, though he didn't know it at the time. Neither did spectators and a national television audience, who were uncertain what his score was or where he stood.

Johnson was always considered the most powerful and perhaps most talented player in the game. But he threw away tournaments, including last year's Open when he three-putted from 15 feet to lose to Jordan Spieth. Johnson said afterward that the monkey was off his back, and "it's a huge monkey." Look for Johnson to contend often in the big tournaments, and the odds are good that with the confidence from this Open, he won't be a one-hit wonder.

Shane Lowry has won plenty, but winning tournaments and winning Opens are two different things. He started the final round with a four-shot lead, but things quickly got away from him . He ended up shooting a 6-over 76 and tying for second, three shots behind.

"I'm definitely good enough to win one of these," Lowry said. "So I'll get back on the horse in a couple of weeks."

Jordan Spieth's defense of his title got off to a shaky start. The finish wasn't much better . Eight holes into his opening round, Spieth's near-perfect approach shot landed 15 feet past the flag, spun back and trickled into a bunker.

"You've GOT to be kidding me!" Spieth howled.

On the contrary, Oakmont's rough and its punishing greens got the better of the Texan early and then often. Chambers Bay, where Spieth won last year, was no pushover, either. But he never got on the right side of par here, finishing the tournament at 9 over - his worst finish in a major in which he's made the cut since tying for 44th at the 2013 British Open. He said putting was the biggest issue, which showed on the sixth green when he needed four putts on his way to a front-nine 39.

Andrew Landry arrived at Oakmont under the radar. Make that off the radar.

The 28-year Texan was playing his first major in his first year on the PGA Tour. He was ranked No. 624 in the world.

When Landry shot 66 to become the overnight leader Thursday, then recovered from stumbles in Rounds 2 and 3 with enough grit to play his way into the final pair going off on Sunday, he was in position to pull off one of the great upsets in major championship golf.

Miller makes it clear he'll sit out 2016 if no deal is done

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The Denver Broncos' summer break began with an ominous message from superstar Von Miller. The Super Bowl MVP suggested he'll sit out the 2016 season if general manager John Elway doesn't meet his contract demands in the next month.

One day after saying on Chelsea Handler's new Netflix show that there was no way he'd consider skipping the season, Miller posted a photo on Instragam on Thursday that said: "I love my Teammates, Coaches, and My Fans" but there is "No Chance" I play the 2016 season under the Franchise tag."

If the sides can't agree on a long-term extension by July 15, Miller would have to play this season on the franchise tag of $14.129 million—or he could choose to sit out the season altogether.

If he played for the tender, the Broncos could use their exclusive franchise tag on him again next year, putting him in the same situation.

If he didn't suit up in 2016, they'd only be able to use a non-exclusive franchise tag on him in 2017. That would allow other teams to swoop in and offer him a megadeal that would be difficult for Denver to match.

That's a risky proposition, a superstar missing a season in his prime and watching his popularity and marketability take a hit. But playing on a one-year deal could also prove hazardous to Miller should he get hurt.

The offseason began with Miller declaring 12 hours after the Super Bowl in which he starred that his contract negotiations would be peaceful.

Acrimony set in last week, however, when the team leaked details of its offer that Miller's camp rejected.

The six-year, $114.5 million offer included $38.5 million in guarantees over the first two seasons, far below the going rate for elite players. The Broncos offered a third year at $19.5 million that would only kick in after the 2017 season.

Miller wants that third year fully guaranteed from the start. His price assuredly has risen in the last week, too, because a couple of days after the negotiations between Miller and the Broncos hit a standstill, Eagles defensive lineman Fletcher Cox signed a six-year extension that runs through 2022 and includes $63 million in guarantees.

That's the most ever for a non-quarterback. And he'll get $55 million of that within the first nine months because a big portion of the guaranteed money kicks in a month after the next Super Bowl.

This would seem to set both a new benchmark and blueprint for a megadeal with Miller, who was a one-man wrecking crew of Cam Newton in Denver's 24-10 win over the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl four months ago after clobbering Tom Brady in the AFC championship.

After collecting five sacks in the playoffs, Miller skipped the team's offseason program that wrapped up Thursday with a final weight lift and a team photo. His only appearances with teammates came this month when he accompanied them on their White House visit and to their championship ring ceremony at their stadium.

At that ring ceremony, Hall of Famer Shannon Sharpe took a serving tray and turned it into a collection plate, imploring everybody to pitch in and help GM John Elway sign Miller. The tongue-in-cheek gesture actually netted some greenbacks.

After the Broncos took a pause in talks with Miller's agent and pivoted to finishing a four-year, $32 million deal with linebacker Brandon Marshall, Miller took his first social media swipe at Elway.

He cropped his boss out of a photo teammate DeMarcus Ware originally posted on Instagram that featured Miller, Ware, coach Gary Kubiak, Peyton Manning and Elway.

Miller appeared to extend an olive branch to the front office on Wednesday when he made an appearance on Chelsea Handler's new show on Netflix and said he's still hoping for a long-term deal to get done: "The franchise tag, it's a one-year deal. I would like a little bit more stability. I want to be a Bronco forever. I just want the feeling to be the same from the Broncos."

Rio's new subway line is running out of time before Olympics

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Two construction workers chatted while applying white grout to the walls of a new subway tunnel one recent day, their voices and the smells of the building materials stark reminders of what was missing: passengers and trains.

Seven weeks before the Summer Olympic Games commence, a subway expansion that was supposed to transport hundreds of thousands of athletes and fans is not done. While Brazilian officials insist it can still be finished in time, frequent delays, skyrocketing costs and a financing snag have created doubts.

Even if Rio de Janeiro completes the key part of the expansion in time, transportation experts worry it may be too late to adequately test the system before the Aug. 5 Olympics opening ceremony. The launch date has been repeatedly pushed back, with officials now saying they'll cut the ribbon four days before competition begins.

"They are leaving so little time to try this massive system," said Jose Manoel Ferreira Goncalves, president of FerroFrente, an organization of railway experts. "What guarantee do we have that such a sensitive and complicated project is in order?"

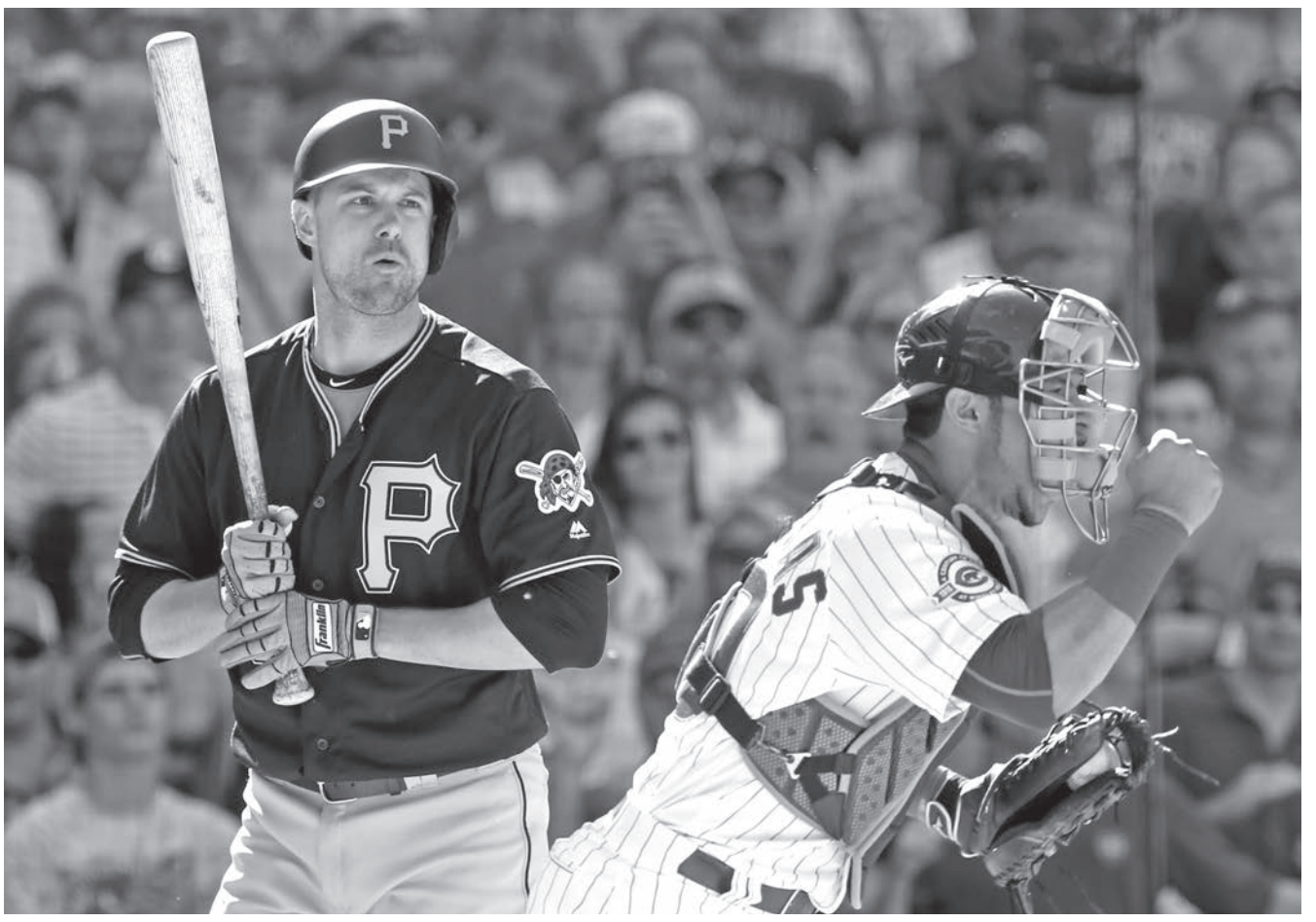
"Every hour counts," Rodrigo Vieira, Rio de Janeiro's transportation head, told The Associated Press, insisting the job would be finished. "We are working around the clock, 24/7 with 1,000 workers in each station."

Line 4 of the subway system was to be Rio's most important Olympic infrastructure project. It was designed to transport passengers from world-famous Ipanema beach to the modern suburb of Barra da Tijuca, home of the Olympic Park and Village, in less than 15 minutes, as well as to most venues where athletes will compete.

In contrast, the drive along the highway through lush mountains and shantytowns takes more than an hour on a good day, raising the specter of a logistics nightmare if the line isn't built and hundreds of thousands of visitors have to take buses or cars on already-clogged roads.

When Brazil won its bid back in 2009 to hold the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, its economic fortunes were far different. The discoveries of rich, offshore oil fields in 2007 made major infrastructure projects like Line 4 seem possible back then.

Contreras homers in 1st at-bat, Cubs sweep Pirates



AP
Chicago Cubs catcher Willson Contreras, right, celebrates after Pittsburgh Pirates' Jordy Mercer was called out on strikes to end the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, June 19, 2015, in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)—Prized prospect Willson Contreras crushed the first pitch he saw in the major leagues for a two-run home run, Kyle Hendricks struck out a career-high 12 in six innings and Chicago completed a sweep of Pittsburgh, 10-5.

Contreras, called up from Triple-A on Friday, pinch hit for Hendricks in the sixth and sent A.J. Schugel's changeup an estimated 415 feet to center. The cheering crowd didn't let up until the 24-year-old Venezuelan catcher obliged with a curtain call.

"It's incredible," a smiling Contreras said. "I don't have the words to explain how happy I am."

"It's a dream come true," he said.

Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo hit consecutive home runs in the third and Javier Baez added a solo shot for the Cubs, all off rookie Jameson Taillon (1-1).

Josh Harrison's solo home run was the lone blemish off Hendricks (5-6), who walked none and allowed seven hits.

Giants 5, Rays 1

In. St. Petersburg, Brandon Belt homered, Joe Panik hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Tampa Bay Rays for their eighth straight win.

Jake Peavy (3-6) pitched six solid innings to win for the third time in four starts. Belt hit his team-leading 10th homer off Jake Odorizzi, and Panik delivered in a key situation for the second straight game with his run-scoring single against Xavier Cedeno (3-2) during San Francisco's four-run eighth.

Panik is just 2 for 14 through three games of San Francisco's weeklong road trip, but both hits broke late-inning ties.

Orioles 11, Blue Jays 6

In Baltimore, Matt Wieters homered and drove in four runs, and Baltimore outslugged Toronto to provide right-hander Chris Tillman with his ninth straight victory.

Baltimore amassed a season-high 19 hits against Marcus Stroman (6-3) and five relievers in the deciding matchup of the three-game series between AL East contenders.

Wieters went 4 for 5 with three doubles. Jonathan Schoop contributed a homer and three RBI, and Chris Davis had three hits and scored three runs.

Braves 6, Mets 0

In New York, Julio Teheran tossed a one-hit masterpiece, pitching the Braves to a surprising three-game sweep of the scuffling Mets.

Nick Markakis homered and drove in two runs for Atlanta, which has won five straight for the first time since the first five games of last season. Freddie Freeman had four hits and the Braves finally mustered some offense in support of Teheran (3-7), who yielded only Michael Conforto's clean single leading off the third inning.

New York right-hander Jacob DeGrom, pitching on his 28th birthday and as a dad on Father's Day for the first time, gave up three runs and five hits in six innings.

Angels 2, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Jered Weaver pitched a three-hitter, leading the Angels to the victory.

Weaver (6-6) had given up 11 earned runs over his last 11 1/3 innings before helping Los Angeles to its fifth win in six games against the A's this season. The right-hander struck out one and walked one.

It marked just the fourth time in 14 starts this season that Weaver had gone past the sixth inning.

Carlos Perez homered for the Angels. Albert Pujols drove in the other run.

Marlins 3, Rockies 0

In Miami, Tom Koehler pitched around six walks in six innings and three relievers combined for three perfect innings, helping Miami to the win.

Marcell Ozuna hit a three-run drive in the sixth inning for his 13th homer. The Marlins (37-32) climbed five games above .500 for the first time since May 8, 2014, and they'll try for a four-game sweep Monday.

Koehler (6-6) threw only 48 of his 92 pitches for strikes but allowed just two hits before departing for a pinch hitter in the sixth.

Dodgers 2, Brewers 1

In Los Angeles, pinch hitter Yasmani Grandal walked with the bases loaded to end the game, and the Dodgers got another strong start from rookie Kenta Maeda.

Grandal took a 3-2 pitch for from Tyler Thornburg (3-2) that missed high and outside.

Adrian Gonzalez started the ninth-inning rally with a one-out single before moving to second on Trayce Thompson's single. Howie Kendrick later walked to load the bases.

Kenley Jansen (3-2) pitched a scoreless ninth, and the Dodgers won for the sixth time in seven games.

Padres 6, Nationals 3

In Sand Diego, Drew Pomeranz allowed three solo homers in six innings and Adam Rosales drove in two runs, helping San Diego to the victory.

Pomeranz (6-7) struck out seven and walked one. The left-hander had lost four of his previous five decisions.

Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 14 chances.

Red Sox 2, Mariners 1

In Boston, left-hander David Price snapped a personal three-game losing streak by pitching eight sharp innings, and Mookie Betts hit a go-ahead homer.

Betts also had two singles for the Red Sox, who have won two in a row after dropping four of five.

Franklin Gutierrez hit a solo homer for the Mariners. He sparked their series-opening victory with two homers and six RBI.

Price (8-4) gave up one run and eight hits. Craig Kimbrel struck out the side in the ninth for his 16th save.

Indians 3, White Sox 2, 10 innings

In Cleveland, Jose Ramirez hit an RBI single with two out in the 10th inning, lifting Cleveland to the three-game sweep.

Ramirez's bases-loaded hit off David Robertson (0-1) skipped past first baseman Jose Abreu and into right field for Cleveland's second last-at bat win of the series. The AL Central-leading Indians improved to 7-2 against the White Sox, including six straight wins.

Cleveland's Rajai Davis had four hits and scored two runs, including the game-winner.

Rangers 5, Cardinals 4

In St. Louis, Jurickson Profar hit a two-run single in the eighth, helping Texas to its sixth straight win.

It was Profar's first pinch-hit at-bat this season.

The Rangers improved to 14-4 this month and a major league-best 16-4 in one-run games this season.

St. Louis has lost five in a row -- all at home. It was the first winless homestand of at least two series for St. Louis since 1983.

Tony Barnette (4-2) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the win. Sam Dyson worked the ninth for his 13th save in 14 chances.

Royals 2, Tigers 1, 13 innings

In Kansas City, Cheslor Cuthbert singled home Lorenzo Cain in the 13th inning, giving Kansas City the win.

The Royals won six of seven on their homestand and lead the American League with a 25-8 home record.

Chien-Ming Wang (4-0) allowed one hit in 1 2/3 innings to pick up the victory. Kyle Ryan (1-2), who was just promoted from Triple-A Toledo, got the loss.

Twins 7, Yankees 4

In Minneapolis, Ervin Santana pitched into the eighth inning to earn his first victory since May 14 and Minnesota avoided a four-game series sweep.

Eduardo Escobar's two-run triple keyed a four-run sixth inning as the Twins snapped a five-game losing streak. Max Kepler and Brian Dozier homered and Brandon Kintzler got the final four outs for his second save.

Brian McCann homered twice and Alex Rodriguez had an RBI single for the Yankees. Nathan Eovaldi (6-4) lost his second straight start.

Astros 6, Reds 0

In Houston, Evan Gattis and Luis Valbuena homered, helping Houston to the win.

Mike Fiers (5-3) allowed four hits and struck out five in 5 2/3 innings. He departed when Jay Bruce's line drive hit him in the thigh for a single. Chris Devenski took over and allowed one hit in 3 1/3 innings for his first save.

Cincinnati left-hander Brandon Finnegan (3-5) yielded four runs in five innings, snapping a streak of five straight games where he lasted at least six innings.

Diamondbacks 5, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Archie Bradley pitched six strong innings and drove in a run to lead Arizona.

Arizona has won six of eight and will try for a sweep of the four-game series on Monday.

Bradley (3-3) allowed an unearned run and three hits, snapping a personal three-game losing streak.

Appeals dismissed, Jones and Wood to miss Copa semis

HOUSTON (AP)—The U.S. Soccer Federation's appeals of a red card given to midfielder Jermaine Jones and a yellow card assessed to forward Bobby Wood have been dismissed.

The decision Sunday will leave the U.S. without both players Tuesday night for the Copa America semifinal against Argentina in Houston.

Jones was given the red card Thursday night in the quarterfinals by Colombian referee Wilmar Roldan during a 52nd-minute confrontation that also saw Ecuador winger Antonio Valencia sent off after a second yellow card for a harsh tackle on Alejandro Bedoya. U.S. players immediately rushed to the scrum after Valencia's tackle, and Jones raised an arm at Michael Arroyo.

U.S. team spokesman Michael Kammarman said the Jones appeal was based on Law 12 of the revised Laws of the Game, which states a player who "deliberately strikes an opponent or any other person on the head or face with the hand or arm is guilty of violent conduct unless the force used was negligible."

Wood, already carrying a yellow card coming in, was given another in the 53rd minute. The USSF said it should not have been assessed because the ball was dead, claiming that because Jones remained on the field, the restart should not have taken place. The USSF also said the restart took place at the spot of the red card, not of Woods' foul.

PGC reinstates Tonga Games committee chair

The Pacific Games Council did not recognize the actions taken recently to remove the CEO/Chairman of the Tonga 2019 Pacific Games Organizing Committee (TASANOC).

The Council made the statement in response to Tongan government's media release last month, requesting the vacating of the position of the CEO/chairman of the Tonga 2019 Pacific Games Organizing Committee (TPGOC). Lord Sevele is TPGOC CEO/chair.

The Council reiterates that in accordance with the PGC Constitution(Protocol 2), the 2019 Games Host Contract (Clause 1.6), signed by the Tongan Government on 19th October, 2012 (when TASANOC won the right to host the 2019 Pacific Games) and Tonga's own Pacific Games Organization Act 2013 (Section 9) (which was approved by the Tongan Parliament), the powers of hiring and removing members of the TPGOC resides with the TPGOC, the PGC member association in Tonga, which is TASANOC and the PGC itself. Such powers are not the remit of the Audit & Governance Authority or any other party.

Article 4 of the Pacific Games Council Constitution states that the "responsibility for the direction and control of the Pacific Games is vested in the Council. The Council is the supreme and decisive authority in all matters concerning the Pacific Games. Any person or organization belonging or having any relationship with, in any capacity whatsoever to the Council shall be bound by the provision of the Council Charter, and shall abide by the decisions of the Council".

In relation to this matter, Article 4 has been invoked and the move to vacate the TPGOC CEO/Chairman's position is thus null and void.

TASANOC was scheduled to hold an election on June 16 and will work closely with the incoming Executive Committee of TASANOC to ensure all stakeholders fully understand their individual roles and responsibilities and more importantly deliver on their commitments in a timely manner to ensure a successful 2019 Tonga Pacific Games, according to Council president Vidhya Lakhan. ***(PR)***

WARRIORS

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because it means a lot to me to try to lead my team and do what I need to do on the court and big stages," Curry said. "Done it before. Didn't do it tonight."

With Curry and fellow Splash Brother Klay Thompson off all night, the Warriors capped the greatest collapse ever in the NBA Finals instead of the most successful season in league history with a 93-89 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 7 on Sunday night.

The record-setting 73 wins in the regular season, Curry's unanimous MVP and the memorable comeback in the conference finals will all be a footnote now after the Warriors became the first team ever to lose the NBA Finals after taking a 3-1 series lead.

"It wasn't easy what we accomplished, and it's not an easy pill to swallow what we didn't accomplish," Curry said.

After blowing two earlier chances to clinch the title, the Warriors were in position for the win in the closing minutes of a tense Game 7 that had the boisterous crowd at Oracle Arena alternating between delirious cheers and nervous energy.

But the Warriors did not score after Thompson tied the game with a driving layup with 4:39 to play. Golden State missed its final nine shots with LeBron James coming out of nowhere to block what seemed like an uncontested go-ahead layup by Andre Iguodala with less than two minutes left and Curry missing his final four 3-point attempts as part of a 4-for-14 night from long range.

"We really just kind of settled too much," Curry said. "That's something that is tough to kind of swallow with the opportunity we had in front of us."

Kyrie Irving gave Cleveland the lead for good with his 3-pointer over Curry with 53 seconds left before Curry missed at the other end. After a free throw by James made it a two-possession game, Curry missed again and trudged back toward the Warriors bench as the Cavaliers celebrated the title on Golden State's home floor.

LEBRON

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he was a member of the Miami Heat.

"Best player on the planet," Cavs teammate Kyrie Irving said.

James became the third player to have a triple-double in Game 7 of the NBA Finals, joining Jerry West in 1969 and James Worthy in 1988. He had 27 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in the clincher, capping a series where the Cavaliers became the first team to successfully overcome a 3-1 deficit in the finals.

"You see his basketball talent, the way he can control a game," Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue said. "But the reason why he deserves this is because he has a great heart ... and great things happen to great people."

James is now 4-2 all-time in Game 7s, including 2-0 when those ultimate games come in the NBA Finals.

Meanwhile, more tears. Only this time, tears of joy.

Cleveland's championship drought, crossing 52 years, generations and noted by a long list of near misses, is over at last.

Following the game, fans poured out of "The Q" onto Huron Road for a party that could last for days. A few climbed aboard a fire truck and a bus and up trees and light poles. Police reported a few arrests and a car with its windshield smashed, but there were no major problems just unbridled happiness - 52 years of frustration released in one cathartic crescendo.

And on Wednesday, Cleveland will host a parade, one that's been planned for a lifetime.

"Our fans, they ride or die, no matter what's been going on, no matter the Browns, the Indians, the Cavs, and all other sports teams," James said. "They continue to support us. And for us to be able to end this, end this drought, our fans deserve it. They deserve it. And it was for them.

"It's going to be the biggest party Cleveland has ever seen."

True to the team's postseason motto, Cleveland was "All In" for Game 7. Fans packed the bars, restaurants and even parking garages around the Q. It got so congested that Ohio Highway Patrol blocked several on ramps into downtown hoping to keep the crowd contained.

There was no holding Cleveland back though, and at the watch party fans roared with every converted pass, every made shot. They groaned when Kevin Love missed an easy layup and agonized when Draymond Green, who has become Public Enemy No. 1, was left unguarded for wide-open 3-pointers throughout the first half.

And during the final nerve-wracking minutes as the Cavaliers and Warriors traded baskets in an epic struggle, some fans couldn't bear to watch. They buried their heads in their hands or paced. There were even a few huddled in prayer, looking for some divine help to bring a Cleveland team to the finish line.

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Association.

Meanwhile, Barcinas topped two categories in the regular season to win the MVP honors in Division A. He led the pool in assists with his 9.2 per game and was the steals champion, too with an average of 5.16 per match. He also averaged close to 10 markers per game.

In other categories, Department of Public Safety's Fred Pelisamen was named scoring champ for posting 32.42 points per match, while NMSA's Nak Nakashima ruled the rebound department with his 14.41 average. Jack Lizama was the blocks champion with his 4.0 average.

In Division B, Rabasto was among the top scorers (16.7 average) for PIC and ruled the assists department in their group to bag the regular season MVP plum. Other individual awardees in Division B were scoring champion and the Feds' Ronnel Gamboa (21.28 points per match; rebounds champion Maverick Itibus (11.83) of Customs; steals champion Ben Lisua (4.82) of DFEMS; and blocks champion Zachariah Johnson (3.66) of CHCC.

In the team awards, PIC and MJD received the pennants in Division B and A, respectively. Both were undefeated in seven games in the regular season.

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only 7, but 3 of them came in the homestretch, as Gideon handed Isaiah its fourth loss in as many matches.

THURSDAY
First Game

Gideon 65 — Chavez 21, Darag 11, De Leon 9, Sacdalan 9, Gatdula 7, Dalusung 6, Ramirez 2.

Isaiah 61 — Huddleston 22, Gragasin 19, Manalang 10, David 6, Santos 4.

Scoring by halves: 32-36, 65-61.

Second Game

Samuel 60 — Robles 12, Brillo 10, Badal 8, Acosta 8, Reyes 8, Lopez 6, Francia 6, Gonzales 4.

Daniel 55 — Guevarra 21, Borja 10, Ibajan 9, Ocanada 6, Ibanez 3, Morales 2, Calibo 2, Abe 2.

Scoring by halves: 26-26, 60-55.

TUESDAY
First Game

Ezekiel 69 — Toribio 19, Samonte 14, Eugenio 8, Teregeyo 7, Marilla 6, Formales 5, Bacani 3.

Joshua 62 — Nunez 14, Sandig 14, Daluyen 12, Nunag 10, Paclibar 7, Omampo 4, Puno 2.

Scoring by halves: 28-20, 69-62.

Second Game

Jeremiah 80 — Cabanas 35, Vergara 13, Cortes 10, Fatialofa 9, Buniag 7, Bonquin 2.

Caleb 52 — Dequito 14, Castro 12, Lansangan 9, Joson 8, Gabaldon 5, Gozon 4.

Scoring by halves: 41-19, 80-52.

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don't care if we fail, I'm going to wake up the next morning and I'm going to start working out and prepare for the next year,'" Richard Jefferson said. "... He was like, 'I'm going to come back home because I promised them that I would do something.' And he carried us the whole way."

In a testy series of blowouts—and a few blowups—the winner-take-all Game 7 provided the thrilling finale with James as the finals MVP disarming two-time reigning MVP Stephen Curry and his record-setting Warriors.

The native of Akron rattled off moments from the lengthy list of Cleveland sports heartbreak and said what it meant for him to personally bring the Cavaliers their first championship.

Playing his sixth straight finals, James almost singlehandedly carried the Cavs back into this series and finished with 27 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds as the Cavs gave their city its first major sports winner since the Browns won the NFL title in 1964. He also had three blocked shots, including a key one of Andre Iguodala on a fast break in the final minutes.

An emotional James fell to the floor when this one ended with a second win in a week on Golden State's imposing home floor, surrounded by his teammates. Only moments earlier, he went down in pain with 10.6 seconds left after being fouled by Draymond Green while going for a dunk, then came back out to make the second of two free throws.

After four successful seasons in Miami and two titles with the Heat, James came back to the Cavs in hopes of winning the title this franchise and championship-starved city so coveted. It took a second try against Golden State after Cleveland lost to the Warriors in six games last year.

"I was calm. I was focused. I was locked in," James said.

Cleveland did it after a coaching change, with Tyronn Lue taking over in January for the fired David Blatt.

"We made history tonight," Lue said. "Cleveland, Ohio, we're coming back, baby!"

Kyrie Irving scored 26 points to cap his brilliant finals, including a 3-pointer over Curry with 53 seconds left.

Curry sat briefly on the bench to take in the scene after the Warriors made their last basket with 4:39 left.

"It hurts, man," Curry said. "Just proud of every single guy that stepped foot on the floor for our team this year. ... Hopefully we'll have many more opportunities to fight for championships and be on this stage because this is what it's all about."

Green had 32 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists, but the Warriors' record-setting season ended without the only prize this close-knit "Strength In Numbers" crew cared about from way back in the beginning - through the record 24-0 start as Coach of the Year Steve Kerr was out, Curry's second consecutive MVP campaign, and the 73 regular-season wins to break the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls' mark.

As Cleveland celebrated in the trophy ceremony, Green returned to the floor to congratulate the Cavs. He stopped by the winning locker room, too, and Warriors general manager Bob Myers brought in the freshly cut nets.

Golden State might always be remembered as one of the best teams ever that couldn't close it out, and Green is taking at least a good share of the blame after he sat out Game 5 on Monday night suspended for flagrant fouls.

The Cavs staved off elimination twice to force Game 7 back at Oracle Arena, where the Warriors went up 2-0 with a pair of lopsided wins to start this series.

Cleveland became just the fourth team to win an NBA Finals Game 7 on the road.

Curry - who said beforehand he needed the best game of his career - scored 17 points on 6-for-19 shooting, while Splash Brother Klay Thompson added 14 points while making 6 of 17 shots.

"I didn't do enough to help my team win," Curry said. "It will haunt me for a while."

President Barack Obama, an avid basketball fan, returned to Washington aboard Air Force One late Sunday as the game entered its final, tense minutes. He watched until the end and did not come down the stairs until moments after the Cavs won.

This time, it will be Cleveland hosting the victory parade on Wednesday. A year ago at home, the Cavs had to watch Golden State win its first title in 40 years.

"Now we have our own parade," Irving said, "and we'll celebrate it the way it's supposed to be celebrated in Cleveland."

Samuel leads; 3 teams tied for second

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Samuel stayed on top of the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League, while Gideon, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel are in a three-way log-jam for second place as they won their matches last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Samuel pulled off a 60-55 victory over Daniel (0-4) in last Thursday's second match for a 4-0 record, while Gideon had a similar close win against Isaiah, 65-61, in the curtain-raiser to improve to a 3-1 mark. Ezekiel and Jeremiah share Gideon's 3-1 slate after beating Joshua, 69-62, and Caleb, 80-52, respectively, last Tuesday.

Jeremiah easily took its third win after breaking away from Caleb in the first half, 41-19. Michael Cabanas led Jeremiah's rout of Caleb, as he scored 35 points. Norman Vergara and Isagani Cortez backed up Cabanas, adding 13 and 10 points.

Russel Dequito had 14 to pace Caleb, which dropped to an even 2-2 record.

In the first game last Tuesday, Dan Toribio and Joboy Samonte hit double figures for Ezekiel with the former recording 19 and the latter chipping in 14 to lift Ezekiel to its third victory. Nathaniel Eugenio had only 8 points, but drilled the team's last 6 to seal the win.

Abbi Sandig and Alain Nunez had 14 each for Joshua, which absorbed its third loss in four games.

In last Thursday's second tiff, Samuel had six players making at least 6 points apiece to offset the game-high 21 markers of Daniel's Ronnie Guevarra.

Mark Robles had 12 for Samuel, Walter Brillo added 10, and Jerome Reyes, Van Acosta, and Mark Badal contributed 8 apiece. Bernardo Lopez and Vhoie Francia combined for 12, while Darwin Gonzales completed the team's box scores with his 4 markers.

In the first game, Allan Chavez knocked in 21 points, including 3 of Gideon's last 4 markers to hand his squad the 4-point victory. Joseph Gatdula had

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Samuel's Vhoie Francia unloads a jumper during the first half of their game against Daniel in the Genesis Cup last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Schorr wins deadlock to take boys U14 crown

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Robbie Schorr prevailed in a three-way tiebreak for the top spot in the boys U14 singles event in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships to gain the division title last Saturday at the Pacific Islands club courts.

Schorr, along with fellow CNMI player Ken Song and Tony Kim, finished the round-robin, seven-player field with similar 5-1 records. Schorr missed a sweep and the outright title win when he dropped a tough super-tiebreaker game against Kim last Saturday, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 9-11. Kim in an earlier match absorbed his lone defeat in the tournament at the hands of Song, 1-6, 6-4, 5-10. Song, on the other hand, was beaten by Schorr—also in an extended game, 5-7, 6-2, 10-8.

With the three Commonwealth bets having identical win-loss cards and still even in sets won/lost (11-3), the deadlock had to be determined by the games won/lost. Schorr ended up with a 90-41 mark to clinch the division championship, while Song settled for the runner-up honors with his 85-37 slate, and Kim slid to third place after registering an 81-44 record.

Sean Lee, also of the CNMI, was alone at fourth place with his 3-3 mark, while Guam's Roman Merletti (2-4), and two more Commonwealth bets—Sam Ryu (1-5) and Eugene Park (0-6) rounded out the boys U14 singles field.

In the doubles, which also had a round-robin format,

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Robbie Schorr servers to Tony Kim during their boys U14 singles game in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club courts.

Schorr and Kim went unscathed to take the championship. The top-ranked pair of Kim and Schorr secured the division title and a perfect mark after easing past Song and Lee last Friday, 6-0, 6-0. Song had another runner-up finish as he and Lee finished with a 2-1 mark, winning their first two games over the tandems of Ru and Park, 6-0, 6-1, and Merletti and the CNMI's Andy Kim, 6-2, 6-0. Schorr and Tony Kim, on the other hand, blanked the pairs of Merletti and Andy Kim and Park and Ryu.

In other results, the CNMI's Michael Ren settled for back-to-back runner-up finishes in the boys U16 age group.

Ren partnered with Vincent Tudela in the doubles and they lost to Guam's Camden Camacho and Kian Malakooti in last Friday's finale, 2-6, 5-7. The CNMI duo made it to the finals after eliminating Guam's James Hourican and Palau's Samuel Nillasca, 6-0, 6-2, while Camacho and Malakooti prevailed over the Federated States of Micronesia's Sterkis Abraham and Joab William, 6-4, 6-2, in the other Final Four pairing.

Ren also figured in a finals showdown against Camacho in the singles division and absorbed another defeat in last Saturday's title match, 2-6, 2-6. Tudela, on the other hand, won his consolation match over William, 6-2, 6-1, to join Camacho and Ren in the Top 3.

In the boys U12 singles, it was also a Guam vs CNMI title tiff with the former's Andrew Leng outlasting Ji Min Woo, 7-6, 4-6, 10-7. Leng earlier defeated Woo's doubles partner Seung Jin Paik in the semis, 6-3, 7-6 (5) to move into the finals. Woo followed suit after a 7-5, 6-2 triumph over FSM's Freddy Jerson, who was beaten by Paik in the battle for third place, 6-1, 6-2.

Paik and Woo earlier faced Leng and Thomas Ysrael in the doubles finale with the CNMI pair winning, 6-3, 6-4. Woo and Paik also had Guam foes in the semis, shutting down Aarman Sachdev and Dakota Gibson, while Ysrael and Leng topped Palau's Ton Lomisang Perez and Jonah Ziegler, 6-3, 6-2, in the other Final Four duel. Perez and Ziegler settled for the third place honors after outclassing Sachdev and Gibson in the consolation match, 6-3, 6-4.

Barcinas, Rabasto gain division MVP awards; Lizama earns Finals MVP

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MJD Enterprises' Dan Barcinas and Jack Lizama won MVP honors in the 2016 IT&E Inter-Government/ Business Basketball League, while Pacific Islands Club's Sean Rabasto also earned the coveted individual award at the conclusion of the competition last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Barcinas was named regular season MVP in Division A of the league, while Rabasto was the recipient of the same award in Division B. Lizama, on the other hand, bagged the Finals MVP trophy after helping MJD beat Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the title match, 86-73, last Wednesday.

Lizama tallied 18 points in the finale and was the third best scorer for his team against DFEMS behind Matt Duenas (26) and Douglas Schmidt (24). His timely jumpers in the second half of the title game foiled DFEMS' repeated comeback bids, but the former CNMI national team member was best remembered for hitting a clutch triple that helped MJD make it into the finals.

Lizama unloaded a corner triple off a pass from Schmidt in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter of their semis game against DFS Galleria, sending the game in overtime, 81-81. MJD went on to pull off a 92-89 victory in the extension with Lizama adding 4 more points in the extra period for a game-high 28 markers. The eventual Finals MVP was a consistent double figure scorer in the playoffs, as he earlier knocked in 12 points in their 104-82 rout of Northern Marianas Sports

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Pacific Islands Club's Sean Rabasto takes off for a fastbreak layup during their playoff game against DFEMS in the IT&E inter-government/business league last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Cavaliers end title drought

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—LeBron James cradled the shiny gold trophy and struggled to sum up what might be his sweetest championship yet, the one he is so proudly bringing home to his native northeast Ohio just as he promised to do when he returned to the Cavaliers two summers ago.

Later, flanked by his three children on Father's Day, a cigar between his lips and winning net as a necklace with the lingering stench of champagne, James began to understand the magnitude of his accomplishment for Cleveland after a half-century wait.

"I'm coming home with what I said I was going to do," he said, adding, "I can't wait to get off that plane, hold that trophy up and see all our fans at the terminal."

James and his relentless, never-count-them-out Cavs pulled off an improbable NBA Finals comeback, and Cleveland is title town again at long last.

James delivered on a vow to his home state and brought the Cavs back from the brink as they became the first team to rally from a 3-1 finals deficit, beating the defending champion Golden State Warriors 93-89 on Sunday night to end a 52-year major sports championship drought in Cleveland.

"I've never seen a man in my life tell an entire state: 'Get on my back, I got you. Get on my back and I'm going to carry you. I

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LeBron gets Finals MVP for 3rd time

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, center, celebrates with teammates after Game 7 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 19, 2016.

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—LeBron James is a champion again, and the NBA Finals MVP again.

By unanimous vote, James was selected as MVP of the title series, accepting his trophy from NBA Commissioner Adam Silver after Cleveland beat Golden State 93-89 in Game 7 on Sunday night.

"This is what I came back for," James said.

James was overcome by emotion after the final horn. He's the finals MVP for the third time, also winning in 2012 and 2013 when

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Warriors cap greatest Finals collapse with Game 7 loss

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Stephen Curry tried to shake Kevin Love with a dribble and let loose with one of those long 3-pointers he seemed to make at every big moment this season.

Instead of a game-tying splash in the final minute, the ball rimmed out and so did the Golden State Warriors' chances of adding a second straight championship to a record-setting season.

"It will haunt me for a while

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AP

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry answers questions during a postgame press conference of Game 7 of basketball's NBA Finals Sunday, June 19, 2016, in Oakland, Calif.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) shoots a 3-point basket over Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry during the second half of Game 7 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 19, 2016. The Cavaliers won, 93-89.